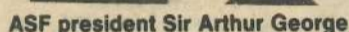


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BY JOHN FIELD

This has been a disappointing season for the

Mark Koussas (right) challenges ex-Socceroo skipper Peter Wilson.

ASW applauds the National Soccer League for at last getting to grips with the distressing business of income and expenditure — credits and debits.

At the NSL's Council meeting next Sunday, there will be serious debate on the imbalance between money being spent by clubs and gate receipts.

The NSL has only two alternatives. It can boost income by getting more spectators to matches or it can slash its heavy overheads.

The first prospect looks an impossible dream. Spectators are staying away from Soccer — and just about every other sport — in constantly increasing numbers.

All sorts of promotional gimmicks have been tried by some NSL clubs but, on the whole, they have failed to lure the cash customers through the turnstiles.

So, if we accept that there is no immediate chance of upping gate receipts, this leaves the NSL with the prospect of reducing outgoings.

At the Council meeting, it appears certain that a maximum figure will be placed on transfer fees. The figure is tipped to be \$20,000.

There will also be an investigation of the desirability of imposing a maximum wage.

A sharp decrease in signing-on fees is also due for discussion.

We do not doubt that such measures are essential if clubs are to make any pretence of balancing their books.

It is a pity the players are to be the only sufferers if, and when, these severe economies are imposed.

While quite a number of players are clearly overpaid (after negotiating sweetheart deals with over-indulgent club officials), the majority get a reasonable rate for the job.

Take the average semi-pro. He may pick up \$200 a game — less tax. For this, he has to train three or four nights a week after a normal day at his outside employment. He must play once or twice a week. He faces the ever-present danger of being seriously injured.

Ask him to take a cut in his Soccer pay and he will complain bitterly. Wouldn't you?

It will be terribly difficult for the NSL to supervise its proposed maximum transfer fee.

Consider what happened in England.

In 1905, Middlesbrough paid Sunderland one thousand pounds for a player called Alf Common and everybody thought Middlesbrough had gone mad by introducing the very first four-figure transfer deal.

In January 1908, the Football League, still upset over the Common transfer, imposed a maximum figure on transfers (three hundred and fifty pounds!)

In April 1908, the Football League got rid of its transfer maximum after only three months... because the new rule was unworkable and was abused by clubs from its inception.

History suggests the NSL will face similar problems.

Nevertheless, it is good that something is being done.

Unless the enormous difference between gate takings and expenditure is heavily reduced, there can be no hope for Soccer in this country.

"SCOTTY" LEAVES AUSTRALIA

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS and JOHN ECONOMOS

ANDY SCOTT, the Manly-Warringah defender in the NSW State League, has announced that he will be leaving the club and Australia. Andy will be opening a sports store in England together with his dad, and his last appearance for the Seaside will be against Polonia next weekend.

Scott started his Soccer career in Australia with Ringwood in the Victorian State League as a central striker, and scored an impressive 16 goals in 12 games. However, this new-found success in Australia was short lived and Andy returned to England.

Scott soon returned to the Asian region and played for six months in Hong Kong. From there he was signed up by the now defunct Western Suburbs and later was transferred to Sydney Olympic.

Andy had a relatively successful period at Sydney Olympic and this culminated in his captaining the side in their memorable 3-3 draw against the Hungarian national team during a tournament staged by St George at the St George Stadium.

"That was one night I won't forget. In front of a huge crowd, we held Hungary to a magnificent draw," said Scott.

"I felt it was the best ever performance from any Sydney Olympic side and I was proud to be part of it."

Scott hastened to mention he gained equal satisfaction when Sydney Olympic, underdogs at the time, convincingly defeated Melita Eagles 5-1 and 4-0 during the finals of the NSW State League to gain promotion back into the National League competition. Melita conceded only 11 goals during the whole season.

Many people have asked why a player of Andy's capabilities and experience, was loaned out by Sydney Olympic.

"There were some notable reasons for this. At the end of last season I sustained a cartilage injury and felt that it would take a long time to fully heal. Only in recent weeks has the knee fully recovered. Because I was leaving mid-way through the season I felt it would be better not to imbalance the side."

Before coming to Australia Andy played semi-professional Soccer for Macclesfield, just south of Manchester.

Tomorrow (Wednesday night) he will face his childhood hero George



Scott angles across to cover a striker at the Sydney Sportsground in the 1980 NSW Grand Final against Melita.



(left to right), Hungary's vice-captain, Joseph Toth, exchanging gifts with Sydney Olympic's skipper, Andy Scott, prior to kick-off in their match which ended in a spectacular 3 all draw, played in 1982.

Best in an exhibition game between Dee Why and Manly Warringah at Cromer Park.

Scott was quick to praise the Manly-Warringah club for the help and co-operation he had gained while he was with the club.

"Manly are going to be one of the top clubs in NSW in four years. They are competently run, have aims for further improvements at the ground and have a wealth of junior talent coming through the ranks," he said.

One thing Andy will miss from Australia are the dedicated Greek supporters following Sydney

Olympic.

"I will certainly miss the big match atmosphere of the National Soccer League and those thousands of excited Greek fans. They and the club deserve to win the competition and I hope that this may be their year."

Whatever the future holds, everyone wishes Scotty every success in his new venture. It will hopefully culminate in financial success and provide just reward for a man who has provided Soccer with many lasting impressions.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

Brisbane Lions -v- Heidelberg
Canberra Arrows -v- St. George
Sydney City -v- Wollongong City
South Melbourne -v- Brisbane City
West Adelaide -v- Newcastle KB
Marconi -v- Footscray
Preston -v- Leichhardt
Sydney Olympic -v- Adelaide City

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	FA Pts	W	D	L	FA Pts		W	D	L	FA Pts	
1. PRESTON.....	17	9	6	2	31-15 33	7	2	0	20-6 23		2	4	2	11-9 10	
2. SYDNEY CITY.....	17	9	4	4	25-20 31	6	3	0	15-4 21		3	1	4	10-16 10	
3. NEWCASTLE.....	17	9	3	5	27-15 30	5	3	2	13-6 18		4	0	3	14-9 12	
4. ST. GEORGE.....	17	7	6	4	18-11 27	4	3	1	10-6 15		3	3	3	8-5 12	
5. BRISBANE CITY.....	17	7	6	4	23-26 27	4	3	2	16-14 14		3	3	2	7-12 12	
6. LEICHHARDT.....	17	8	2	7	29-23 26	6	1	2	19-9 19		2	1	5	10-14 7	
7. SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	17	7	4	6	25-18 25	2	2	3	11-8 8		5	2	3	14-10 17	
8. MARCONI.....	17	6	5	6	28-27 23	4	2	2	15-14 14		2	3	4	13-13 9	
9. HEIDELBERG.....	17	5	7	5	19-19 22	5	1	2	13-6 16		0	6	3	6-13 6	
10. WEST ADELAIDE.....	17	5	7	5	16-17 22	4	3	3	12-11 15		1	4	2	4-6 7	
11. CANBERRA.....	17	6	3	8	27-25 21	5	2	1	18-7 17		1	1	7	9-18 4	
12. ADELAIDE CITY.....	18	6	3	9	22-24 21	3	2	3	10-10 11		3	1	6	12-14 10	
13. STH. MELBOURNE.....	17	5	5	7	21-27 20	2	3	4	10-13 9		3	2	3	11-14 11	
14. FOOTSCRAY.....	17	4	5	8	13-30 17	3	2	3	8-15 11		1	3	5	5-16 6	
15. BRISBANE LIONS.....	17	4	2	11	21-38 14	4	0	4	14-13 12		0	2	7	7-25 2	
16. WOLLONGONG.....	18	1	10	7	23-33 13	0	7	2	10-12 7		1	3	5	13-21 6	

PERSONAL BRIEF:

BORN: 19.1.1956.
BIRTHPLACE: Macclesfield, Cheshire.
HEIGHT: Six foot one.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM?: Sydney Olympic and Sydney City.
SOCCER IDOLS WHEN YOUNG?: George Best and all the 1968 Manchester United team.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS?: Tennis and Golf.
DIFFICULT OPPONENT?: Phil O'Connor.
MUSIC?: Dire Straits, John Denver.

NSL TOP SCORERS

Luchessi (P)	9
P. O'Connor (W)	8
G. Ward (P)	8
J. Kosmina (S.C.)	8
M. Soper (S.O)	8
J. Bradley (L)	8
S. Bryant (C)	7
R. Mountford (N)	6
C. Egan (S.M.)	6
G. Gomez (S.C.)	5
J. Mullen (A.C.)	5
R. Hamilton (B.C.)	5



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CROWD SLUMP NOT EXCLUSIVE TO STATE LEAGUES

BY DAVID JACK

THE National Soccer League has achieved much in its seven stormy years but its greatest disappointment must be its failure to attract big crowds to NSL matches.

In view of this, it was inappropriate for NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta to throw mud at the NSW State League over poor crowds in that competition.

Labbozzetta told a media meeting that he had attended a State League game between Auburn and Manly and there were hardly any spectators there.

This was, apparently, Labbozzetta's way of pointing out that it would be a big mistake for NSL clubs to return to State Leagues.

Doesn't my good friend Tony realise that, in the type of State Super League envisaged by the NSW Federation, Auburn and Manly would not compete?

Did it not occur to the NSL vice-chairman that

some of the most embarrassing moments in recent history came when

the media had to invent inflated crowd figures at NSL matches attended by a few hundred diehards?

I can understand Labbozzetta pushing the attractions of the NSL at a time when several of his clubs are thinking about returning to State competitions.

But if he aims to blast

State Super Leagues into oblivion, he's using the wrong ammunition when he cites match attendances.

Let's be honest — crowd figures have been dreadful. And that malady affects all competitions. Not just a State League in NSW.

People in glass houses...



Top NSL games still play to empty stands

Marconi Vs Footscray



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COACH SENT OFF!

MARCONI'S YOUNG English coach, Doug Collins, erupted in the dressing rooms after the Sydney Olympic match at Pratten Park, disgusted by many decisions made by referees this season.

"It's not only decisions against Marconi. But you saw it today out there," Collins told the Press, still seething with anger.

Collins was hostile after Sydney Olympic was awarded a penalty by referee, Peter Rampley, for a "hand-ball" by centre-back, Steve Calderan in the 50th minute after the linesman had raised his flag a second earlier for offside by an Olympic striker.

The penalty was duly taken and scored by striker, Marshall Soper, enabling Sydney Olympic to snatch a draw and steal two very precious points from Marconi.

To add salt to the wound, the normally quiet, cool Collins, was also ordered from the touchline for remarks he yelled on to the field.

"It's not just today. There's one bloke controlling NSL matches every

week, and he has been controversial, costing teams points with monotonous regularity."

Collins was not referring to Rampley.

Collins told us last night that he watched this same culprit controlling a match last weekend, on a TV clip, and despite a top player being viciously cut down by a defender right under this referee's nose, no action was taken.

Marconi is at home to Footscray next Sunday where points will again be at a premium with Footscray having cracked two wins from their last three outings.

Marconi will have back their skipper, former international centre-back, Tony Henderson, who missed last Sunday's Olympic match after being suspended.

At this stage, Collins has not decided who to leave out to make room for Henderson. All Marconi's back-four players showed solid form holding Sydney Olympic's flying strikers last week-end.

—JOHN ECONOMOS

STATE LEAGUE CLUB WANTS ATTI ABONYI

AFTER only a few weeks as a National Soccer League coach, Atti Abonyi is wanted back in the NSW State League... indicating just how highly he is rated in the coaching business.

Abonyi has had only 5 matches as boss of Canberra Arrows but he's already the target for Croatia Sydney, the State League club he coached to two premierships.

Croatia would like Abonyi back in charge for the 1984 season.

He is contracted to the Arrows only until the end of this season — a matter of about 14 weeks.

After that, Atti will be a free agent, able to pick and choose from any jobs which may be available.

Some people would regard a move from NSL to State League as a backward step for Abonyi, but who knows what will happen to the National League?

Croatia could be promoted. Canberra could be relegated. Or, and this is a strong possibility, there may be no NSL at all after this year.

Abonyi is sure to be interested, mainly because he would rather live and work in Sydney than uproot his home to settle in Canberra.

The Croatia vacancy will be created when their present coach, Jozef Kuz, returns to Yugoslavia at the end of this season.

Croatia president Tony Topic said: "The decision on our new coach will have to come from the committee but, for myself, Atti Abonyi would be top of the list."

HAPPY PROFIT

THE English Soccer writers had a ball in Australia on the recent tour, with the "Sunday People's" Mike Langley happiest of the whole bunch.

It was a profitable tour for Mike as this letter to the "Sydney Sun's" Bill Casey emphasises:-

Dear Bill & Pat,
After sampling rival establishments in Brisbane and Melbourne, I have to say that Doyle's of Watson Bay is the unchallenged champ and I'll always look back with pleasure on lunching there with both of you.

Your Aussie Rules suggestion was also a winner; Fitzroy, playing what the experts said was perfect footy, scored 220 points and slaughtered North Melbourne. I'd never realised it was possible to kick a Rugby ball so long and accurately while on the run.

However, nothing beat the Brisbane Cup where, as I phoned from the hotel for a cab, a little man by the desk (probably a leprechaun in the light of events) said, "Back No. 19 in the seventh. An outsider, but don't worry."

I doubled this nag, Star of Socoro, with Amarant, the Cup favourite, and then had the delight of hearing the girl at the tote window say: "I'm sorry, I haven't enough money to pay you. Could you wait a minute." She returned eventually with \$1,500 and my wife has an opal ring to prove it.



Atti Abonyi

SLICKERS READY FOR THE TOP

BY Tom Anderson

REIGNING champions Sydney City are poised, ready and waiting to take over the leadership of the NSL.

This was evident at St George Stadium, when the Slickers downed St George 2-1 in a keenly contested struggle.

It was the second time in two weeks the champions have come out of a hard local derby match with a 2-1 scoreline in their favour and the signs are now ominous... the 1983 title is

THOMSON'S MEN ON COURSE

well within their grasp. Big Eddie Thomson and his team demonstrated only too clearly that when the chips are down, they have the complete professional

outlook and know-how to sweep all before them.

Even with Alex Robertson suspended and Ken Boden and Ian Bruce out injured, they had enough power to keep the keen Saints at bay.

Glasgow Rangers-bound David Mitchell injured his

ankle and had to be replaced in the 40th minute by Willie Murray.

As expected, this was a hard, uncompromising clash.

Referee Richard Lorenc booked six players and also gave Saints defender David Skeen his marching orders in the 88th minute.

But Skeen has only himself to blame. A childish act in kicking the ball away at a free kick earned him his first yellow card and the referee had no alternative but to give him a red after a very late tackle two minutes from the end.

Both teams missed chances in the opening 20 minutes with Dez Marton the offender for Saints on

two occasions and John Kosmina and David Mitchell off target for the Slickers.

But Kosmina atoned for his miss in the 24th minute when he was on hand to slide the ball home after a clever Gerry Gomez head flick.

From this minute on, Slickers had the upper hand and put the Saints defence under a great deal of pressure.

It came as no surprise when substitute Willie

Murray made it two in the 76th minute with a clever individual goal.

But, all credit to them, Saints fought back gamely and Robbie Slater pulled one back with a great header from a Marton cross in the 79th minute.

Saints tried hard to force the equaliser but the strong Slickers defence managed to stand firm and three valuable points were won.

Slickers just deserved their win as they were slightly better on the day,

but it was close right until the final whistle.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M.O'Shea (Petkovski 72m), Ratcliffe, R.O'Shea; Stone, J.O'Shea, Barton; Slater, Wilkinson, Marton.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke; Cant, O'Connor, Gomez, Souness; Kay, Barnes, Borges, Watson, Kosmina, Mitchell (Murray 40m).

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.

CROWD: 2,860.

DRAW...BUT ALL ACTION

by Keith Gilmour

MARCONI'S players disputed the awarding of the penalty kick that saw Sydney Olympic grab a 2-2 equaliser in a fast match at Pratten Park.

They and many others saw the linesman raise his flag for offside and then drop it as referee Peter Rampley moved in and awarded a penalty for handball against Marconi central defender Steve Calderan.

One player said afterwards in the dressing room: "I believe there might only be a handful of hotheads in that 6,000 crowd but many match officials don't want to chance facing any of them after the game."

"The trouble is we miss out on a good result and the coach and the players suffer as well."

As to the penalty, Calderan believed the ball had played him from high on his body and then on to his armpit.

But referee Peter Rampley told me: "I was directly in front of the player and no distance away and the player had his arm rigid when he played the ball." So the referee's version is the one that applies.

The big crowd saw a game full of interest and incidents. The fireworks included an unfortunate injury to Steve Paterson; three goals all jammed in to the first five minutes of the second half, and Marconi coach Doug Collins being ordered from the

bench for making a remark that the referee would not accept.

Even in the last minute Marshall Soper went through and fired a shot which cannoned off the outstretched arm of goal-keeper Bruce James to safety.

Olympic was supreme in the first half and Marconi in the second.

In the 16th minute, Soper scored the first of his two goals with a downward slanted header. Paterson opened the move and Peter Katholos flighted across an inviting cross.

The loss of Paterson was most unfortunate for Olympic. He suffered a lower back injury in a clash with Vic Bozanic and his replacement Terry Patalis did not come into the game enough.

At least it seems that the critics of Paterson's play have now realised what a good man they have.

Olympic could have had it all sewn up in the 27th minute. The Marconi goal bore a charmed life when Katholos hit the post. The ball deflected off James' arm to the crossbar and finally Bozanic turned it away for a corner.

The action continued

apace but even so no-one was prepared for the drama that came at the start of the second half.

Only 24 seconds after the restart a Ricky Budini

PENALTY AWARD UPSETS MARCONI

clearance through the middle saw Rod Brown run on and clinically drive his shot low into the corner of the net.

The Olympic defence was all at sea when Mark Jankovics beat Mike Coady through the centre and angled in his shot for a 2-1 lead.

But in the 50th minute the penalty fell Olympic's way. Soper took over to knock in the penalty kick for his second goal.

No doubt on the day the moving of Ricky Herbert to right-back proved costly for Olympic, but it was a great game on a heavy ground and the public were the winners.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Herbert, Coady, Dakos, Jennings, Rogers, Phillips, Katholos, Patikas, Paterson (Patalis 19m), Soper.

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Calderan, Budini, Rizzotto, Sermanni, McCulloch, Carbone, Brown, Jankovics, Licata.

Referee: P.Rampley.

Crowd: 5,462.



Rene Licata bursts through for Marconi against Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park.

FOOTSCRAY UP AGAIN

By Con Nikolopoulos

FOOTSCRAY recorded their second win in three weeks, to lift themselves above the relegation zone.

A brave fight back in the second half of this action-packed encounter enabled the home team to snatch a narrow, but well-deserved, 2-1 win.

But while Footscray were popping champagne corks to mark this unexpected change of fortune, Brisbane Lions sunk deeper into trouble and must consider their future in the NSL quite seriously.

Footscray opened up in attack and with the help of the wind, had Lions locked up in defence. Lions goalkeeper, Nigel Lownds, received his first call to duty in the opening minute of the game and stretched full length to tap a Carroll free-kick over his crossbar.

With Footscray dominating territorially, Lions packed their defence desperately trying to shield Lownds' goal.

Poor finishing by Footscray forwards denied them the opportunity on several occasions to hit the target.

In a typical breakaway attack in the 37th minute, Lions took the lead against the run of play. Russell Stewart weaved his way through the middle and crossed to the left for Danny Wright.

The Young Soccerroo, headed the ball towards goal and incoming Clive Daunt finished the move by pushing the ball into the net.

Footscray lifted their performance in the second half and through Lujic, attacked relentlessly. Lujic levelled the score in the 65th minute from a Carroll corner.

Nigel Lownds rose in the air to punch the ball away but only managed to turn it into Lujic's direction who had no difficulty heading into the goal.

Lujic himself engineered the second goal a minute later when he cleverly evaded two tackles and spread the ball to the left looking for an unmarked team-mate.

His accurate cross to the far-post found Carroll who beat Lownds without effort.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland; McDowell, Hazabent, Kyriakouleas, Tutill, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Lujic.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds; Vasquez, McClurg, Hunter, Niven, Hogg, R. Stewart, Wright, J. Stewart, Ogden (Kelso 70), Daunt.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

CROWD: 1,500.

THREE MORE POINTS FOR LEICHHARDT

By Tom McKain.

LEICHHARDT ground out another "three-pointer" last Sunday, with a 1-2 away-win against Adelaide City, and it could easily have been 1-3 or even

more at Olympic Sports Field.

Leichhardt's players gave coach Fil Bottalico an anxious time on the bench after hitting the front in the 39th minute through John Bradley.

The tiny front-runner raced into the box on

the right to meet a cross from Peter Tredinnick at the far post with a perfect lobbed-header which just went under Willie McNally's crossbar.

After some narrow escapes for the visitors, the second goal arrived via Arno Bertogna's head from a Bradley corner as the big defender rose and flashed the ball into the net in the 72nd minute.

Two minutes later, it was 1-2 when City's striker Joe Mullen was upended in the box and Bugsy Nyskohus beat Robert Parkes from the penalty spot.

Leichhardt then survived a "hand-ball" in the box with the home

crowd booing referee Donald Campbell.

But it was the effervescent Bradley who must have caused Bottalico to shed a tear.

In the 89th minute, Bradley had only McNally to beat, but pushed the ball wide of the goalkeeper's right-hand post.

At the other end, Melta had the ball in the net but was ruled off-side after a spectacular one-two with midfielder Stewart Blair.

Then Charlie Villani blasted a shot which hit the underside of Parke's crossbar and back into play.

While the Villani shot was hard luck for City, Leichhardt suf-

fered a similar fate in the first half when a Walter Valeri free-kick beat everyone but hit the post and instead of glancing in, came out.

But despite the torture for their coach, the three points have put Leichhardt back in the hunt.

Over the 90 minutes, particularly up front and across the midfield, where Tony Morsello and Peter Tredinnick did tremendous back-up work for Valeri, Bradley and Robert De Ceglie.

Terry Butler started off quietly in his comeback match, but eventually got back into his midfield stride although booked by re-



Tony Morsello ferece Campbell for dissent.

City's defence left McNally exposed too often and were not helped when sweeper Neil Banfield couldn't resume for the second half because of a recurring knee injury.

Melta went to full-

back, Nyskohus to sweeper, and Steve Maxwell joined the attack with Villani dropping back to midfield.

It was a thrill a minute in the closing stages as City pumped everyone forward.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally; Dods, Nyskohus, Banfield (Maxwell 45), Flounders, Melta, Blair, Carter, Mullen, Villani, Rankin.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes; Carter, Gray, Bertogna, Mariani, Morsello, Bradley, Butler, Valeri, Tredinnick, De Ceglie.

REFEREE: Don Campbell.

CROWD: 2,205.

ROUND UP

PULVERISED PRESTON!

By Myles Hay.

THE Preston players would be the first to admit that no team in the NSL could have withstood the bubbling effervescence coupled with distinct skills shown by Newcastle KB United.

Newcastle's deserved 2-1 win has opened up the championship race with the lead of five points enjoyed by Preston over Sydney City, now reduced to two with KB United one point further behind. Despite the outstanding win over the League leaders, KB coach, Kenny Kaiser showed concern about the nagging inability of his strikers to put away easy chances.

This flaw in the team's all round ability, was again evident when several opportunities which would have emphasised Newcastle's superiority, were scorned in front of goal.

The hopes of Newcastle

were sent reeling in the 29th minute when former English international Mick Channon was blatantly fouled.

The Newcastle defenders erred badly by standing flat-footed waiting for the obvious whistle. Winger George Campbell had waltzed through to present the unmarked Claude Lucchesi with a delightful ball.

Lucchesi showed great skill and confidence by calmly lobbing the ball over a startled Clint Gosling to give Preston the lead — after the Victorian defence had soaked up tremendous pressure in the opening 20 minutes.

Much credit goes to

Newcastle who buckled down immediately to shake off the apparent injustice and three minutes later it was Joe Senkalski who brought back memories of some of the brilliant goals he has scored over the years.

Senkalski, lurking just outside the penalty area, latched on to a partial clearance following a Channon corner and goalkeeper Richard Wilson could only watch as the ball raged past him for the equaliser.

The goal was a real morale booster for Senkalski, who has struggled to hold a first team place and for the remainder of the match he showed rare aggression and skills in perfect understanding with Channon and clever youngster, David Lowe.

In the 40th minute, Preston went behind when a header from Craig Mason drifted through a ruck of defenders to deceive Wilson.

Newcastle had the advantage of a breeze before the interval. It is to their credit that instead of adopting a deep defensive formation to hold the narrow 2-1 lead, the scene became electrified with some of the most penetrating, cohesive Soccer, seen at the Sports Centre all season.

NEWCASTLE KB: Gosling, Maier, Burke, Watson, Tredinnick, Mason, Senkalski, Channon, Jones (Cowburn 78), Mountford, Lowe.

PRESTON: Wilson, Flavell, Opasinis, Jones, McMillan, Todorovski, Ilioski, Ollerton (71m), Campbell, Odzakov, Ward, Lucchesi.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic.

CROWD 2,640.



A return to form by pre-season signing Billy Williamson was not enough to give Brisbane City the edge over a fighting West Adelaide at Spencer Park.

The match ended in a scoreless draw — a fair result with both teams sharing the honours.

Williamson has come back into the City team only in the past fortnight, after being dropped into the reserves following a string of uninspiring performances.

Westad opened up with a promising shot from Graham Honeyman, who was one of their better players. But City had the best of the opening 10 minutes with good attempts from Luciano Fabrizio, officially signed from the Australian Institute of Sport last week, and big centre-back, Frank Liddell, who headed into the net but had the "goal" disallowed for offside.

Then Westad took over and only brilliant goal-keeping from Socceroo Kim Wishart kept the home side in the match.

Mike Brennan headed in a corner, only to see Wishart block it: Robbie Dunn blasted in the rebound for the same result, then wee Bobby Hamilton jumped in front of Brennan to stop his second attempt.

Five minutes after that scramble, Wishart again saved City when he spread himself in front of Paul Wormley to block his diving header — then launched himself around the penalty area with agility unbecoming his size and stopped two more shots.

The inclusion of Gary Bromfield, into the City attack injected new life and the former State League player, a Jim Her-

WILLIAMSON HITS FORM

By Greg Russell.

DESERVED DRAW

miston signing, cracked a great shot against the up-right after only 66 seconds of the second half.

Twenty minutes later, Billy Amey cleared off his line although he didn't know much about it as a Liddell header rebounded

down off the crossbar and out... off the big defender's head.

West had two more nervous moments to come. Steve Glockner running forward, had little time to settle himself for a shot, but managed to get in a vital touch only to watch in dismay as his attempt hit the base of the post and rebounded away.

Four minutes later, Bromfield put in a low shot which Crook had covered but it hit a divot at the last minute and bounced up. Crook took the ball on the face, a painful blow but not as

painful as it would have been if the ball had bounced over his body and into the net.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart: Hughes, Liddell, Kowtan, Wilkinson, Fabrizio, Pimblett, Hamilton, Williamson, Falco (Bromfield 45), Glockner.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook: McGregor, Amey, Hiern, Dunn, Heys, Brennan, Atsalas (Kousianopoulos), Wormley, Hon-eyman, Doorne.

REFEREE: D.Nugent.

CROWD 2,000.

GOALS FOR KING COLE

Jock Stephen

HEIDELBERG went into attack from the beginning with lots of dash but the Canberra midfield soon put paid to any thoughts of an early goal.

The Heidelberg defence went through some shaky moments before their strikers took them to a 3-1 victory over the visiting Arrows at Olympic Village.

A heavy collision between McLeod and Canberra's Cole, resulted in McLeod getting the worst of it with an ankle injury. He carried on till the 69th minute.

A Tansey free-kick to Jimmy Campbell, laid on to Lea, raised the fans

hopes but the shot went wide in the 25th minute.

Frank Farina was prominent with several runs with Charlie Yankos being stretched on many occasions. Tony Brennan was giving the youngster much support and in one tackle, Don McLeod got the yellow card for tripping Farina.

Shooting was inaccurate by both sides up till the 42nd minute and it took a Jim Campbell corner to McLeod's head for Lea to nip in and score for Heidelberg.

A looping free-kick by Tansey to Gary Cole, found Hoszowski bamboozled by the big fellow's agility to score with excellent pace and judgment in the 52nd minute.

GARY IS BACK IN ACTION

Steve Bryant had a great shot from 30 metres and Jeff Oliver diverted for a corner.

Farina gave us a fine sample of his potential with a good header. Canberra kept going when Heidelberg stopped expecting a whistle and Ian Gibson went on to score easily.

This was Canberra's period when an equaliser was still a possibility. A fine header from Terry Byrne brought the best out of Oliver.

Brennan was replaced by Don McLaren.

Another curling Tansey free-kick in the 82nd minute, had Gary Cole's name on it with Hoszowski all at sea, as Cole headed past the goalkeeper for Heidelberg's third goal.

Ian Stone was shown the yellow card in the dying moments.

Canberra Arrows coach, Atti Abonyi, felt Canberra's scoring opportunities were limited, whilst Heidelberg's coach, Kenny Morton, was very pleased with Gary Cole's return to top form after a long lay-off.

HEIDELBERG: Olver: McKie, McLeod (Peterson 69), Yankos, Tansey, Campbell, Selimidis, Spanos, Cole, Lea, Valentine.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski: Murray, Christopoulos, Young, Bryant, D.Cole, T. Byrne, Stone, Farina, Gibson, Brennan (McLaren 78).

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

CROWD: 2,000.

REFEREE: G. Power.

CROWD: 1,565.

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Mick Channon (above) on the ball for KB, and (below) Joe Senkalski who had a big game for the winners.



Phil Murphy.

WOLLONGONG CITY presented South Melbourne with a gift point when the teams finished level 2-2 in Sunday's match at Ziems Park.

After leading 2-0, just after half-time, Wollongong hung out the white flag and at the finish were probably lucky to get away with a draw.

The home team allowed Souths to get right back into the game just when it seemed they were going to treat their supporters to their first home win of the season.

Coach Willie Wallace said after the game: "The Wollongong players showed very little application after going to a 2-0

lead.

"We gave in completely and the defence was continually in a panic through the second half," Wallace added.

Wollongong scored first from a perfect free-kick involving four players and finishing with youngster Scott Dickson getting his first NSL goal.

The second was a gem from the boot of Larry Gaffney. It came from a Fleming free-kick on the left, was headed down by Dickson and Gaffney hit a

first time "screamer" from the edge of the box which gave goalkeeper, Peter Laumets no chance.

This was the point where it seemed Wollongong had the game won but within a minute, South's striker, Doug Brown took advantage of some slack marking to make it 2-1 and suddenly the visitors were swarming all over the Wollongong goal.

It seemed just a matter of time before the equaliser came and after 64 minutes the visitors took advantage of a mistake by Wollongong's goalkeeper, Natch Vardareff and it was 2-2.

The ever-present threat

of Charlie Egan materialised when he accepted a well-placed cross from replacement Steve Wooddin to hit the ball under Vardareff's body.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff: Willis, Ainsworth, Vlietstra, Kerr, Pollard, McBreen, Fleming, Gaffney, Cotton, Dickson.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets: Russell, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Davidson, Halford, Murphy, Crino, Brown, Yzen-doorn (Wooddin 45), Egan.

REFEREE: G. Power.

CROWD: 1,565.



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

KOGARAH, CANTERBURY, KADINA IN THE SEMIS

IN A hard fought Commonwealth Bank Soccer cup quarter-final at St George Stadium last Tuesday night, Canterbury Boys High School defeated Davidson 1-0.

The match-winning goal came in the 13th minute when Manuel Camara scored after he latched on to a loose ball in the goalmouth. Davidson responded to the goal with renewed vigour, but overall Canterbury did most of the attacking and were the more constructive side.

Ennio Morson and Franko Bortolin had strong games for Canterbury, who won the competition in 1977, and they now go into the semi-finals of this year's event.

Kadina defeated East Hills 1-0 last Wednesday at the Soccer Centre in a closely fought battle. Kadina, from the Lismore area (a town that can

proudly boast talented Australian representative Terry Greedy), now advance to the semi-finals meeting Canterbury in Lismore next Tuesday.

Kogarah High School also marched into the semi-finals with a thoroughly impressive 5-1 win over Albury High School after leading 2-0 at half-time in Albury last Wednesday.

Kogarah opened the scoring in the 6th minute through their leading striker Chris Polias who also added the 2nd in the 27th minute with a fine breakaway goal following an optimistic back-pass from an Albury player.

Just after the break, St George's NSL player, Peter Petkovski, made it 3-0 and moments later combined with skipper Ali Reda for Reda to score with a spectacular overhead side-volley into goal.

It was Petkovski who made it 5-0 in the 49th minute from a free-kick just outside the penalty area.

Albury didn't give in and their efforts were rewarded in the 60th minute when Darren Lambert smashed a 30 metre drive into the top corner of the Kogarah net to make the final score 5-1.

For Albury it was a great achievement to reach the last 8 out of the 288 teams competing in the Commonwealth Bank cup. Kogarah's impressive display indicates that it will need a good team to beat them in the quest to win the prestigious cup.

Kogarah now meet the winner of the Kelso versus last years winners Marsden quarter-final match to be played in Bathurst tomorrow

(Wednesday).

ALBURY: Martin Bartasec, Neil Strachan, Ian Haberfield, Andrew Dare, Michael Carton, Darryl Mills, Darren Lambert, Stephen Chater, Andrew Sammons, Phil Hocking, Stuart Strachan, David Carton, Mario Charalambous **COACH:** David Lee.

KOGARAH: Michael Karafiloff, Ali Jaffar, Ali Mansour, Nick Tsanas, Simon Korlevski, Vasco Nikolovski, Hussein Khamis, Ali Reda (Cpt), Goran Mladenouski,

son (18). Presently playing for Leichhardt U/19 Youth team. Member 1980 U/15 2SM Cup winners.

9. FORWARD — Sam Varri-ca (16). Presently playing for Cant-Marrickville U/16.

10. FORWARD — Franco Bortolin (18). Presently playing for Leichhardt U/19 Youth team. Member 1980 U/15 2SM Cup winners.

11. FORWARD — Manuel Camara (16). Presently playing for Hurlstone Park Wanderers U/16.

12. RESERVE BACK — Nick Rodopoulos (15). Presently playing for Sydney Olympic U15.

Chris Polias, Peter Petkovski, Peter Mitrevski.

CANTERBURY BOYS PLAYERS PROFILE

1. GOALKEEPER — George Vouglis (17). Presently playing for Canterbury Marrickville 3rd Grade.

2. BACK — Bruno Beddoni (17). Presently playing for Cant. Marrickville 2nd Grade.

3. BACK — Vito Carozzo (18). Not playing at present.

4. CENTRE BACK — Robert Villatora (18). Not playing at present.

5. CENTRE BACK — Con Efthimiadis, captain (18). School Vice-captain. Formerly with Leichhardt U/19 Youth team. Member 1980 U/15 2SM Cup winners.

6. MIDFIELD — George Angelis (16). Presently playing for Cant-Marrickville U/16. Presently playing for State U/16.

7. MIDFIELD — Maurice Bortolin (17). Presently playing for Cant-Marrickville 3rd Grade. Member 1980 U/15 2SM Cup winners.

8. MIDFIELD — Ennio Mor-

13. RESERVE GOAL-KEEPER — Dominic Zuccaro (18). Presently playing Canterbury District All/Age.

14. RESERVE BACK — Manuel Klapos (18). Presently playing Canterbury District All/Age.

15. RESERVE FORWARD — George Dimoudis (18). Not playing at present.

FAIRFIELD 'PATS' SCORE HAT-TRICK

LAST Thursday the Metropolitan Catholic schools played their finals at the Gabbie Stadium.

Among the special guests were Raul Blanco (World youth assistant coach), Rale Rasic, Peter Sharne, Sam Vella and Frank Sant (Melita), Vince Montgomery and David Lee (Blacktown City). Also present were Wayne Burns, sportsmaster Fair-

field Patrician Brothers High School and Brother Mark, principal of St Benedict College Auburn.

Fairfield won the U/14 final in a close tussle against St Benedict College Auburn 2-1. David Busetto scored from the penalty spot for Fairfield and Tony Nimac equalised for Auburn. Hans Okon sealed the game for Fairfield in the 8th minute of extra time.

Fairfield also won the Year 10 division with a 2-0 victory over Patrician Brothers Dundas. This was a closer game than

the score suggests with Frank Andregechia coming on as substitute in the 41st minute and scoring with his first touch of the ball, 15 seconds later. After another five minutes, Patrick Morales headed in a free-kick.

Fairfield made it three wins for the afternoon when they won the senior division, which comprises Year 11 and 12 students, 2-1 against St Benedict College Auburn.

In a hard fought game between two very good sides, Shane Viglione put Fairfield ahead after 8 minutes. Renato Brocco equalized for Auburn in the 20th minute after two attempts at goal.

John Sammut sealed Auburn's fate when he scored the winner from the penalty spot.

-George Streeter



COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

The annual knock-out competition for New South Wales State High Schools

KADINA TRUMPS

THE early prediction of Warren Bancroft, the North Coast "Guru" of Soccer, that Kadina

High would be the top Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup side in 1983 for the area proved accurate.

Warren has had a long career as a player, coach and administrator in North Coast Soccer and keeps an ever sharp eye on all the up and coming stars.

Naturally he rarely misses predicting the top sides or players worthy of selection in representative sides.

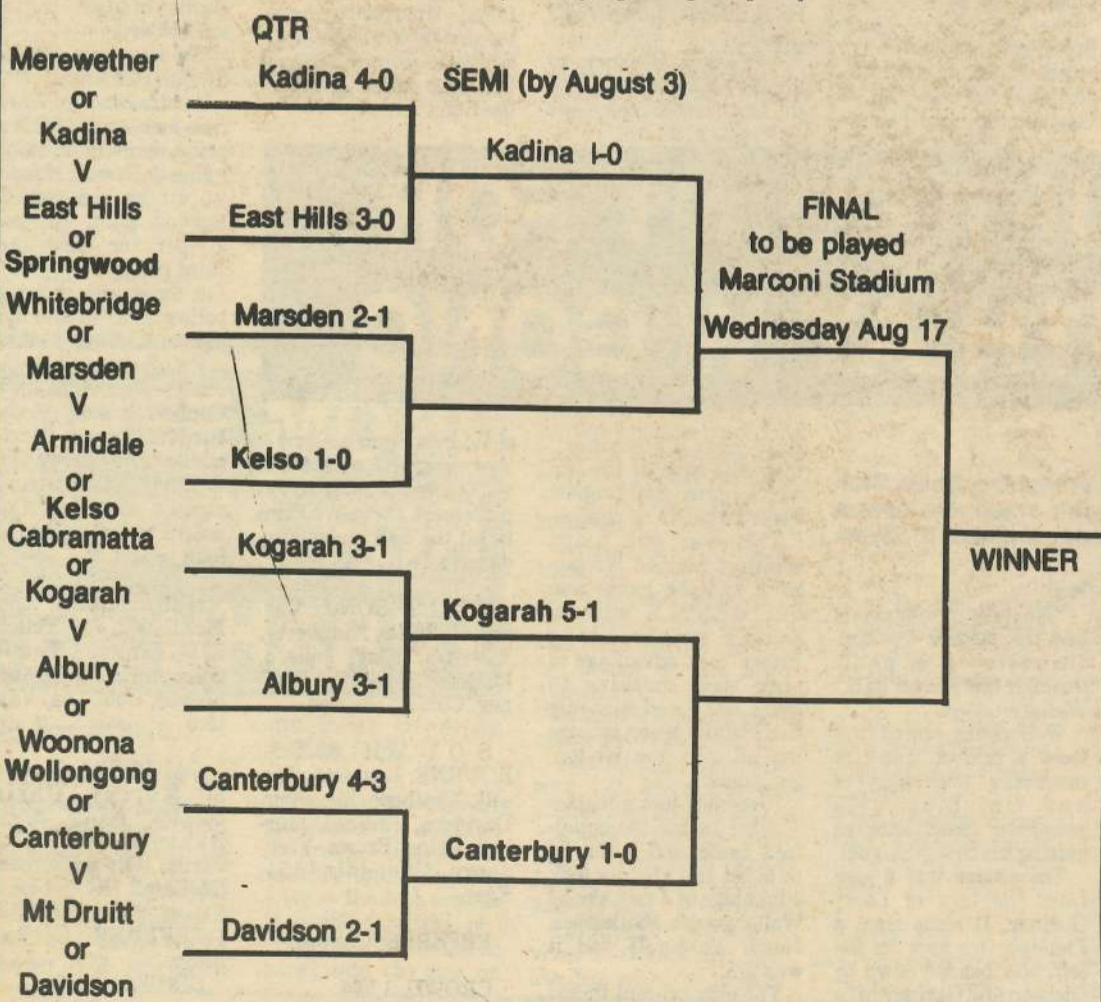
With Northern NSW being denied its rightful place in the Australian School Championships in Brisbane next August, top players from the North Coast, North West, Hunter and the Central Coast miss all chance of State representation.

Gary Phillips, now with Sydney Olympic, was the last North Coast player to make a NSW CHS side.

One would have to go back to Rod Eather in the mid 60's to find Lismore's last CHS players.

Men like Warren Bancroft and Brian Boggs of North West who never give up hope of unearthing another Gary Phillips.

ROUND 5 QUARTER FINALS (to be played by July 22)



CHANCE TO SEE WEMBLEY

Australian kids now have every opportunity to make it in Soccer.

If they were born in my era they would have been lucky to see a newsreel clip at the movies on world Soccer.

Today Soccer fans can't complain about the overseas coverage of the game.

And all this is a tremendous education for the kids.

John Lane of Stephens Travel is taking all this exposure a step further by organising a trip of a lifetime to the UK next January.

Youngsters will be based at Westerfield House, training headquarters of Ipswich Town, where they will be coached by leading F.A. coaches during their two week stay.

Four first division matches, a visit to Wembley Stadium, a few days in Manchester, including a visit to Manchester United's Old Trafford Ground, a tour of Anfield plus tours of London and places like Sherwood Forest are all part of Stephens' Sports Travel's 1984 January tour to the UK.

I would suggest parents wishing to send their youngsters on this trip contact John Lane at Stephens Sports Travel on Sydney 231.3833.



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REMEMBER Phil Dando who kept goal for Newcastle KB United from 1978 until 1982?

Phil, who is in the carpet cleaning business, had a hefty transfer fee of \$10,000 placed on his head and there were no takers, though at one stage he looked as though he may travel south to join coach Alan Vest at West Adelaide.

Dando, who would have been a splendid catch for a local Northern NSW first division side (at the right price) now concentrates on marathon running as his No. 1 sport.



A WORD of advice for John Kosmina from Tommy Docherty. "Cut out the physical stuff and concentrate on playing Soccer. By Australian standards, you could, and should, be an outstanding player ... but you're not."

THE BEHAVIOUR of disgruntled Sydney Olympic fans after seeing their team beaten 2-1 by Sydney City was inexcusable.

Several vented their wrath by hurling metal garbage cans. This could have caused serious damage or injury.

"If they want to do that, they should do it in Greece — not Australia," said Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson.

TONY HENDERSON copped more than a one-match suspension when he was sent off in the match against Brisbane Lions.

His club also slapped a fine on the unhappy Hendo.

SIR ARTHUR GEORGE had quite a harrowing time on his European holiday.

"Nice holiday? When you spend five days in bed and two days in hospital with a painful kidney stone, it's not much fun," said the Australian Soccer Federation president.

Sir Arthur returned to Sydney last week and is now back at work fully recovered.

TONY BOSKOVIC without doubt the best referee ever produced in Australian Soccer, is in his last season and hangs up his whistle, reluctantly, at the end of the year.

As a friendly farewell gesture, the Referees Federation is staging a Presentation Dinner for "Bosko" on Wednesday, August 3 at the Bankstown Paceway.

Admission cards (red or yellow?) from P. Wood, telephone (02) 98-8153.

ONE THING Frank Arok is not guilty of ... underestimating the strength of the opposition.

Before his St George team took the field against Sydney City Arok



said: "Slickers are the hardest team in the NSL to beat — and they have the best squad of players in Australia."

WHEN the ball hit the back of the net against Heidelberg to give West Adelaide a 2-2 draw, easily the happiest man in Hindmarsh Stadium was Graham Honeyman.

That was a special goal for him, breaking a duck which had followed his 14 goals last season when he was West's top scorer.

"I'm hoping they'll all go in now," said Honeyman.

WEST Adelaide captain Neil McGachey must be wondering when his luck will change.

Fit after injury, he turned out for the reserves and was delighted with the way his leg held up. Then he injured his back!

WHEN 17-year-old John Panagis first made the West Adelaide first team, some fans had reservations.

But now he is fast becoming the new hero.

A power player in the middle of the park he can also operate down the left and has a nose for goals when he takes off through the centre.

And some of his lay-offs are a delight, showing tremendous vision of the game for one so young.

Don't forget the name.

ADELAIDE CITY coach Bobby Ferguson hopes to have two more players for his senior squad this week.

The re-signing of Jimbo Muir, back from Hong Kong, is now closer, and Ferguson is also keen to get Yugoslav striker Novo Radovic, who has been training with him after leaving Beograd.



BRISBANE Lions last week were forced to alter the venue and drop the price of their George Best Dinner. Best was to speak at a lavish function at a City Hotel but the function eventually went ahead at the Lions Club last Friday after the club received less than half the necessary number of bookings.

Whether it was Best's lack of appeal or the \$30, not including drinks, per ticket Lions were asking that resulted in the poor response will never be known.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC coach, Tommy Docherty, is never short of a quick answer.

Asked recently what is the answer to hooliganism on the terraces in England, he replied: "Simple, the English F.A. should catch them then ship them to Australia and make them watch Footscray play."

Docherty added: "Serious offenders should cop a penalty of watching Footscray for three matches at home."

Ted Croker, take note!

TERRY GREEDY, St George and Australian goalkeeper, can be just as quick with an answer as he is coming off his line.

In the dressing room after Saints' goalless draw with West Adelaide, Greedy was asked if he was going to accept his wages for that particular match as he had done nothing?

Looking at his strikers in the shower, big Terry shouted: "I was no Robinson Crusoe mate, that's for sure."

THE Wollongong players are certainly copping a caning from referees in recent games.

The yellow card distribution has been one-sided to say the least.

While the team was outclassed in losing 4-1 to Leichhardt, the 4-1 yellow card hand-out in Wollongong's "favour" was hardly fair.

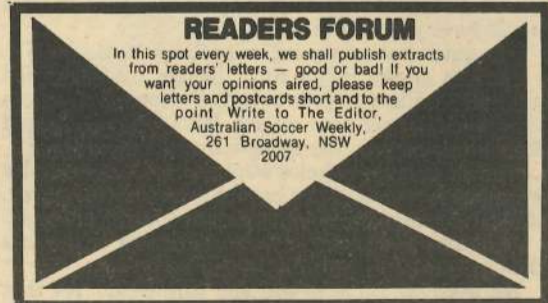
Referee Arthur Owens allowed certain Leichhardt defenders to continually give away free kicks without producing a card while Wollongong players went in the book for what appeared to be similar infringements.

Wollongong players certainly aren't the toughest side in the League but they get more than their share of cards.



STEVE WINN, Marconi's unlucky UK import, is slowly recovering from a cartilage operation.

"Steve should be ready for a couple of Youth team games in a fortnight or a little longer," predicted Marconi coach Doug Collins.



CULPRITS CONGRATULATIONS! You've found the culprits. Unfortunately, for some reason you didn't tell us how many there were. A few?

Some perhaps, or the whole 1,000 Olympic fans who have been watching the game.

What do you suggest to

do with them? What the verdict should be?

Certainly it was easy for you to criticise our behaviour but you didn't find a single word to con-

CORRECTION

THE photo on page four of A.S.W. 5/7/83 is of Craig Mason not David Jones.

demn the "kamikazi" style tacklings of the players of the opposition.

Neither did you mention who the red cards should have been shown to.

You write, Docherty said Barnes should have been sent off for a tackle.

I can assure you that was a dirty tackle and had this happened in a rugby league game Barnes would have been sent off.

This incident happened just in front of the press box.

Docherty blamed Barnes, Thomson blamed Soper.

Hiding the truth is not acceptable, point the finger with justice.

G. GENERALIS, Dulwich Hill, NSW.

VIVA CHULLORA!

I AM aware there are many good teams and players, also proud parents and grandparents. I am disappointed that one of the teams from Chullora has not had a mention in your paper.

The team I write about is our under 16's, coached by Bob Ferguson and managed by Kevin Coldeon, our club secretary.

They are undefeated in the premiership, having scored more than 100 goals and only conceding less than 5. They have already won the President's Cup and are to be in the final of the State Cup.

Our interest in Chullora has been constant for 26 years as my husband Bill Watkins was a founder member with Nick Williams, grandfather of Gary Phillips, now living in Coffs Harbour. The club started as Bankstown R.S.L., later changed to Chullora and more recently to Chullora Wolves.

Bill coached until recently when we went to the U.K. He handed over to our son Steve who is still coaching the 14's who will be in the semi-finals. They were also finalists in the President's Cup.

To the best of my knowledge, Steve is the only original player member still with the club.

(MRS) D. WATKINS, Greenacre, 2190.

Please send your reports to Keith Gilmore, c/o Soccer Weekly, 260 Broadway, NSW 2007.

FIGURES?

YOUR editorial of July 12 in ASW left much to be desired. I suggest you keep your "accountant friend" as a friend & dismiss any figures he puts before you as an accountant because the figures you quote are pure fantasy from many angles.

The only completely factual figure is that Lions play 30 NSL games. No way do Lions' 3,000 fans travel even to Spencer Park. Neither would they travel anywhere else in Brisbane. Remember the 3,000 are Lions (in the NSL) fans and would not follow them in a State League. In Queensland, "State" seems to mean Brisbane, evidenced by the demise of Townsville who were getting crowds of up to 6,000 for true State League games.

Also bear in mind that "away" game receipts go

to the "home" club so Lions cannot be losing \$168,000 per season.

Your friend's estimate of \$20,000 for air fares is I believe too low & should be nearer \$40,000 but I contend this figure is really a drop in the bucket of the total cost of running a NSL team. I estimate it is only equivalent to the full-time manager/coach's salary or about 15% of total costs.

Remember this is the ONLY expense that will go with a reversion to State Leagues.

However, I maintain there will be a dramatic reduction in crowd figures. Take Blacktown City as an example. In the NSL there were crowds of 3,000 with an income of \$12,000. In the State League they are lucky to attract 1,000 at \$3,000 income. A loss of \$9,000 per week.

Let's stop this petty parochialism of reverting to State Leagues and get on with promoting football as "The Real Football" the only true NATIONAL sport. At the moment, Basketball gets more publicity and what a minority sport that is.

Bear in mind that if the NSL ceases to exist so will your (mostly great) Soccer newspaper. Local newspapers will be all that is necessary.

ROBERT C. BROOKS, Seven Hills, NSW, 2147.

WRONG WAY

I'M writing this article in reference to David Lee's review of the Australian Youth Championships (June 14). It's about time our administrators sat down and had a good hard look at youth coaching and playing systems. A system that is designed for winning. A system that considers winning as the end result of learning. A system that burns out youngsters with natural ability by the time they're 16 (i.e. reps, youth league). A system where winning is everything — ball skills, teamwork, thinking and imagination are forgotten.

At every junior match you can see a player who controls a ball and passes correctly go unnoticed. Yet the player who moves in and strikes a long ball downfield without looking gets the praise of his coach and of his parents. The latter in most cases is accepted as good play. Our recent experience with youth and senior sides has shown that young players are growing into senior players thinking that bustling, long-ball, type, football, played at 100 m.p.h., is the correct way to play.

English Soccer, as compared to most countries, is poor in technique — so where does that leave Australia?

Let's now start putting money into youth coaching; change the structure to more emphasis on learning than winning, start teaching the youngsters the game first. At the moment the kids are learning winning first and very few are learning the game later.

I fully support David Lee in his efforts and ideas, but unfortunately feel it is falling on deaf ears.

GLENN WALKER, Castle Hill, NSW.

MARIO WRONG

AFTER reading "Readers Forum" on July 5th, I am putting pen to paper in answer to Mario Venturi.

It would appear that Mr. Venturi feels that unless a club can draw large crowds each week, they should not exist. If this is so then clubs such as Sydney City (Hakoah) should be done away

Each week regardless of weather (rain, hail or sunshine) my family and I, along with friends and other supporters, go to the games, both Saturday and Sunday. We go to see a game of Soccer.

So please go to watch your team for the enjoyment of the sport; the problems you talk about are not created by an ethnic background, regardless if you be Greek, Italian, English or Irish. It is all in the attitude of you, the supporters.

TERRY HANSON, Wentworthville.

HAVING read Mario Venturi's letter (ASW 5-7-83), I don't wish to enter in a dispute with him over district clubs and ethnic clubs. I am too great an admirer of football to use your publication for a slanging match.

However, I strongly object to Venturi accusing Blacktown City of racist policies, a fine club of which I happen to be a life member.

I challenge Mario to deliver me proof on his statement about radio advertisements used by this club during their participation in the Philips League. Common sense will tell him that not one radio station would put on the air any ads of a racist nature. Secondly, to prove Mario wrong, I invite him as my guest to our club, so that he can see for himself (and talk to our members).

Blacktown City is not only a district club but a true Australian club, made up mainly of Soccer fans of at least 30 different nationalities, including Greek members of the community: no racism in this club in any form exists.

My advice as such to Mario is, to stick to football and refrain from attacking clubs he obviously knows nothing about.

J. ALERS, Girraween.

A STIRRER!

MR VENTURI stirred up a hornets' nest with his letter condemning Blacktown and praising Prague but his argument doesn't stand up.

Blacktown is a lively, prosperous, well-run club which, in a suitable competition (a good State Super League?) would attract crowds of 3,000-plus. Prague is extinct. How can anyone make Prague a success story and Blacktown a flop? How often did Prague have 20,000 crowds? Probably never — unless it was for a grand final.

It is time Soccer examined in depth the real reasons for spectator apathy. People like Mr Venturi merely widen the distressing gap when they decry clubs like Newcastle, Wollongong and Blacktown.

R. LUCAS, Blacktown.

NEW FACES IN STATE SQUAD

THERE were quite a number of new faces in the senior NSW women's State side when it was announced.

Of the girls who played in a team that could only be called experimental when it played in the national titles in Brisbane last year, only six out of the eighteen have retained their places.

Vicki Salmons, goalkeeper from the Manly-Warringah Association, who was the rookie keeper for the 1982 side, has been retained.

She will undoubtedly play second fiddle to the experienced Janine Hudson who for so long was the understudy to Toni McMahon.

Hudson was unavailable for selection last year due to study commitments but is back this year and keeping better than ever.

Kristen Theile from the same northern Association as Salmons will be playing in her fifth State side. With two much to do in an inexperienced side last year, Kristen will relish the support that she will be receiving in the back line this time.

Current Australian player, Julie Porter, from the South Coast Association has been selected again for her fourth team as a State player. Her play in the midfield is well known and she is well able to link with attacking forwards.

A player who previously had four years with the State side, but rested for a year, is Collette Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick was severely overworked in the 1982 side but has retained her steady influence in the forward line and can be relied upon to deliver good balls from the left wing position. Playing for the third time as a State member, Carol Vinson from the Gladesville-Hornsby club, suffered a severe leg injury after only the second game in Brisbane last year and was sidelined for the rest of the tournament.

Only 150cm tall, she makes up for lack of size by her rapier-like attacks in the forward line. She is a lightening fast striker and will be a perfect foil for team-mate, Leigh Wardell who hails from the same club.

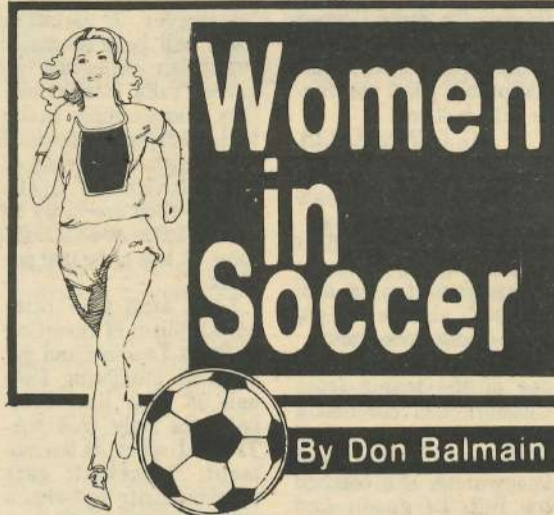
Due to other commitments, Wardell did not seek selection in the 1982 side. She is probably the most experienced forward in NSW having played State for six years.

A welcome return to the sweeper position for NSW will be 180cm tall, Rose van Bruinessen. A previous Australian player, Rose will be a valuable asset to the defence.

Also making a return to State representation is Cindy Heydon.

She has played Soccer for 11 years now and must be regarded as the most

The senior state NSW coach, Alan Lytton, has gone for tried and experienced players in his quest



knowledgeable player in the State.

This will be her eighth time as a State player and her mature approach in the midfield will ensure her forwards are well served.

to return with the Medibank Trophy.

Girls who were not available for State selection due to other commitments last year, have provided Lytton with a very sound team to take to Perth in

FIVE TEAMS SET FOR NOUMEA

THE second New Caledonian Soccer Cup for women has attracted considerable interest from club sides in Australia.



An action shot of Ann-Marie Hirons, vice-captain of the NSW Under 15 State team, playing for Gladesville Ravens against West Ryde Eagles.

August.

The senior team is:—J. Hudson, V. Salmons, M. Russell, R. van Bruinessen, K. Theile, V. Dean, S. Smith, J. Thomas, K. Lembyk, C. Heydon, M. Petrov, C. Fitzpatrick, C. Bradley, L. Wardwell, C. Vinson, K. Witcombe.

This year there will be eight sides contesting the Nationals instead of the 10 in Brisbane last year.

North Queensland, after an initial entry last year, have regrouped and will contest the 1984 championship in Canberra.

open for a month or so yet.

In Newcastle on Saturday the 'Raiders' were unable to turn home ground advantage into victory against the visiting AIS Goals came from Darren White for AIS and from Simon Brandt for Newcastle his sixth goal of the season. Half-time 0-0.

At Pratten Park Sydney Olympic with players such as

Petalis running through, he steadied himself and placed a good shot past Alan Maher. Before half-time Tony Henderson twice put the Olympic defence under pressure. In the 31 min his header from a Colusso corner was saved by Wilson: in the 37min. it was Henderson's through ball which put John Foxman through but again Marconi were thwarted by a brilliant save from Wilson. Half-time 1-0. The second half continued as the first had finished. Maher was replaced by Vaneri in goal in the 50 min. Koussas was unlucky to have his shot cleared off the line in the 55 min. but was rewarded three minutes later when he scored from close range. Olympic should have scored many more goals but sloppy finishing and goal-keeping from sub. Vaneri denied them. A fair result on chances created and Olympic should be happy to move from the 20 point mark they have been on for a while.

The match in Canberra between Canberra and Leichhardt never reached any great heights, a 1-1 draw being a fair result. Serena followed up a rebound to score for Canberra in the 18 min. 1-0 H-T. Bonara equalised in the 53min. Genovese missed a penalty in the 80min. saved by the keeper.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

By PETER RUSSELL

AT ST GEORGE STADIUM on Saturday the St George side were able to halt the 'Slickers' charge towards the championship and their tough 2-0 victory suggests that the race for honours is yet to be decided.

Meanwhile at the International Sports Centre, AIS was able to hold the young KB 'Raiders' to a 1-1 draw. At Pratten Park on Sunday the young Olympic side sprinkled with a few more experienced players were too strong for a stubborn Marconi side and ran out winners 2-0. A missed penalty and a fairly even game was the story from Bruce Stadium where Leichhardt were able to hold Canberra to a 1-1 scoreline.

In an unspectacular clash at the St George Stadium, St George shook the champions-elect with aggressive and sometimes over anxious tackling, paving the way for a well deserved victory. It was the story of two halves, with Sydney City totally dominating proceedings in the first half missing several relatively simple scoring opportunities with sloppy finishing. Several efforts from Graeme Fletcher were well saved by Mike Fraser who had a top match, however the 'Slickers' should have capital-

ised in 38 min. when Ean Rodrigues crashed his shot on to the post with the goal open. Half Time 0-0.

The second half was in direct contrast to the first, with St George opening up the 'Slickers' defence with telling through balls and finally capitalising in the 56 min. when Paul Darlington picked up a loose ball dribbled into the box and shot over the advancing Pezzano 1-0. Again in the 61 min. Muskovits was delivered yet another through ball which split the defence Muskovits then ran into the box and slotted the ball past Pezzano. 2-0. Ree and Fletcher missed chances late in the second half with goalkeeper Mike Fraser saving well at the feet of the advancing attackers. The scoreline fails to show the domination of the 'Slickers' or the many chances they created however the 'Saints' took their limited chances well, proving the fact that the 'Slickers' are not unbeatable and with a game in hand has left the competition

Jim Ziras, the improving youngster Terry Petalis and the out of form Koussas were too strong for the young 'Leopards' of Marconi, rearing many chances and running out victors 2-0. Marconi went close in the 16th min. when Gangi floated a long pass to Loguidice whose header was saved by the keeper. Kalantzis shaved the post with his effort following a quick one-two with Akoutas in the Marconi penalty area. Again in the 18th min. Hat-zopolous had an opportunity to score for Marconi but blasted his shot over the bar from 15 metres. However the move that counted came in the 30th min. when 'GOLDEN BOOTS' Koussas floated a lovely pass to

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
SYDNEY CITY	16	11	2	3	41	22	35
ST GEORGE	15	9	2	4	30	20	29
CANBERRA	17	8	2	7	32	29	26
MARCONI	18	6	6	6	27	25	24
NEWCASTLE	15	7	2	6	27	20	23
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	15	7	2	6	23	25	23
A.I.S.	15	5	5	5	16	17	20
LEICHHARDT	15	2	4	9	18	34	10
WOLLONGONG	16	1	5	10	15	37	8

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED WEEK ENDING

RD	DATE	DAY	HOME	SCORES	AWAY
	23.7.83	SAT.	Sydney City	0 v 2	St George
			Half Time		Darlington 56
			(0) (0)		Muskovits 61
			Newcastle	1 v 1	A.I.S.
			Brandt		White
			Half Time		
			(0) (0)		
	24.7.83	SUN.	Sydney Olympic	2 v 0	Marconi
			Petalis 30		
			Koussas 58		
			Half Time		
			(1) (0)		
			Canberra	1 v 1	Leichhardt
			Serena 18		Bonara 53
			Half Time		
			(1) (0)		
Goals	Player	Club	Goals	Player	Club
15	Tony Caban	Newcastle	6	Simon Brandt	Newcastle
13	Manis Lamond	Canberra	5	Ken Boden	Sydney City
7	Ian Souness	Sydney City	5	Darren Nees	Wollongong
7	Grant Sargent	Sydney City	5	Jean Paul de Marigny	Sydney City
6	Graeme Fletcher	Sydney City	5	John Muskovits	St George
6	Dominic Giannone	Marconi			

WEEK ENDING 24.7.83



St George goalkeeper, Mike Fraser,

WATSON'S CROSSES

OUR MATCH against Sydney Olympic turned out to be a real bruiser. The 'stick' was handed out by players from both teams and not only by Sydney City as some would have you believe.

One quick look at my leg will tell you that.

In spite of the rough stuff though, the game had plenty of thrills and spills to keep the fans happy. Both teams had several near misses, but I felt we deserved the winning goal in the dying minutes of the game.

I suppose Peter Katholos wouldn't agree with me. He wouldn't even accept my handshake after the match. Instead he mumbled something about being too rough.

All I can say is, Peter, if you can't take the knocks then you are in the wrong game mate.

We were out there to win and win we did. It's that sort of determination that wins championships, and our players are far more determined now than at any other time this season.

If it's a medal you want Peter, give me a call and I'll give you one, because you won't win one this year.

I would love to play Sydney Olympic every week, as their supporters, volatile as they may be, certainly give the game tremendous atmosphere Soccer so sadly lacks.

Several people said to me after the game that they really enjoyed the crowd atmosphere.

I would like to make a special mention of the boys from Captain Cook's Hotel, who were heard singing

outside the Sydney City dressing room after the game. It is great to hear you lads and I only wish there were another few hundred like you. Hope you continue to support the Slickers and give us your most welcome vocal backing.

Big David Mitchell left Australia yesterday (Monday), to join Scotland's Glasgow Rangers. I'm sure everyone here wishes 'Mitch' all the very best.

He certainly couldn't join a more glamorous team than the 'Gers' and if he proves himself in that sort of company, his gamble will certainly have been worthwhile. He will be sorely missed at Sydney City, but we have a strong squad and I'm sure we can fill the hole he will leave behind.

I personally wish Davie all the very best and am certain he will do us all proud in Scotland.

The Sydney City youth team continues on its winning run, and seems to be running away with the youth League. They are playing some great football and our Tuesday night practice games are getting harder all the time.

Next year, should see many of these youngsters pressing for spots in the NSL team. Competition for places will be as keen as ever.



SOCCER IN USA IS PAYING OFF

STRONG Player Unions had established minimum wages of \$18,000 for some American Soccer players, according to Newmarket guest player Dave Rendler.

Rendler, who arrived last week for a month with the Brisbane first division club, said Player Unions were a big part of US Soccer and often influenced player's decisions as to what League they would play in.

"The indoor league has a very good Union and better opportunities and it is doing quite well at the moment," Rendler said.

Rendler, 24, is a semi-professional player for North Californian club Italia Athletic. He is in Australia in a reciprocal program instigated by Newmarket president Bob White last year.

Newmarket stopper Jim Reiken went to America for four weeks earlier this season while the club intends sending two teams there later this year.

Rendler, a midfielder or full-back, trialled with Golden Bay (formerly San Jose) Earthquakes but narrowly missed selection.

"It was my big dream to play in the NASL but when I missed out it enabled me to return to

school," said Rendler, who is a third year law student.

On his arrival in Australia, Rendler amazed Newmarket officials with his description of the transfer arrangements within the North Californian Soccer Federation.

"There are no transfer fees. If you want to leave a club and join another you can just go right ahead. The only way they can block you is if you try to do it after a certain date," Rendler said.

Rendler said players in the US had "passes," either amateur or professional. As long as they produced the pass they were able to move anywhere.

He said there was little jealousy between the lower clubs and the NASL sides. He said a lower club would never attempt to stop a player from going to an NASL side, as could happen in Australia with players wanting to join National League teams.

Surprisingly, though, Rendler said he had expected the US to miss out on getting the World Cup finals and he revealed

that few Americans even knew the country was making a bid.

"Only a small percentage knew what it was all about so there wasn't really a lot of reaction when we missed out. I don't think our fields were good enough and our team definitely isn't."

"Mexico isn't too far away anyway so I'll be buying my tickets as soon as I can," he said.

"On the Australian National League's plan to increase the size of its competition, Rendler related how many NASL sides had collapsed after a rapid increase in the competition.

"They couldn't get the crowds. There are 12 teams now and it seems to be working okay. They get crowds of about 12,000," he said.

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DUTCH team Groningen has made a scoop signing by getting the outstanding player in Singapore to join them.

The player's name is Fandi Ahmed and he's accepted a one-year contract.

Fandi Ahmed will replace Ronald Koeman, the 19-year-old forward who switched from Groningen to Ajax Amsterdam.

HAMMERS SELL VAN DER ELST



AS we forecast in last week's ASW, West Ham forward Francois van der Elst, the Belgian international, has been transferred to the Lokeren club in Belgium.

Although West Ham wanted \$500,000 for the player, they accepted a fee of \$360,000.

Van der Elst was bought from New York Cosmos for exactly double that figure when he joined West Ham in December 1981.

Last season, he was joint top goalscorer for the Hammers with 12 goals.

COSMOS STUNG

CHICAGO'S biggest crowd of the season saw New York Cosmos humbled by Chicago Sting 5-2 at Soldier's Field.

There were 16,644 spectators present.

Although Cosmos had plenty of scoring chances, particularly in the first half (they were 2-1 ahead), they had no complaints about the result.

Franz Beckenbauer admitted: "Cosmos deserved to lose." And coach Julio Mazzei produced a similar comment: "Chicago deserved to win because they took their chances."



LONDON, NOT

FLORIDA IS FOR PAT

MIDFIELDER Pat Holland is leaving West Ham United after 14 years with the club.

Although a troublesome knee injury has kept Holland out of action for two years, he's clocked up 300 first team games with the Hammers.

Now Holland is moving to Orient as player-coach. Orient's new manager Frank Clark said: "I need Pat to look after my Youth team."

Holland turned down an offer to go to Tampa Bay Rowdies, preferring to stay in London.



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OVER-PAY, GO BROKE!

BY TOM ANDERSON.

THE IMAGE of some of our modern Soccer players is not the best and in quite a number of cases, it's rapidly deteriorating.

Both here in Australia and overseas, players are being accused of being "money-hungry mercenaries" and phonies...not giving value for the vast amount of money they are being paid.

There are undoubtedly some players who fit into this category, but in my opinion, the majority deserve every penny they earn and are dedicated to their profession.

Footballers are professional men, the same as doctors, dentists and the like and their skill is their meal ticket.

If some clubs over-pay their players, it's not the players who are at fault for accepting the money, but the clubs for offering it!

Inflation in Soccer is rife throughout the world and this includes Australia.

If this is the real reason the clubs are going broke, the remedy is surely in

their own hands.

A great deal of the antagonism levelled at our modern players comes through petty jealousy because the fellows are doing well for themselves.

A prime example of this is in England where Kevin Keegan has come under bombardment.

When he arrived back in UK from exile in Hamburg to play for Southampton, Keegan was the blue-eyed boy of British football.

He was made captain of England and could do no wrong, on or off the field.

Then came his transfer to Newcastle United at the start of last season and things began to go sour for the Keegan boy.

Not of course in the North East where the Geordies took him to their hearts and where he can do no wrong.

They love a trier in Newcastle and Keegan runs himself into the

ground for his team.

Indeed United, inspired by Keegan, were unlucky not to win promotion with a tremendous burst near the end of the season.



Kevin Keegan ... getting very big money. Above: John Kosmina ... one of Australia's better-paid players.

This coming season in Geordieland it is reckoned it's only a formality for Newcastle, led by Keegan, to win back its place in the top division.

However, despite his adulation in the North East, Keegan's lillywhite image is quickly fading throughout the rest of England.

His critics reckon that one day he will do himself immense harm, when he trips over his own ego. They say the only thing he's interested in is making money - and plenty of it.

He was criticised strongly for walking out of Southampton before his contract was up and for blasting England team manager Bobby Robson when he was dropped from the national squad.

Keegan also had a run in with Georgie Best - in a

row that hit the front pages.

Keegan is unhappy over the critics accusing him of being "money hungry." So are some of our own players over similar accusations, here in Australia.

"Five years ago, I was held up as an example to

had invested wisely," Keegan declared recently.

"Now I'm being accused of making money. My God the envy is simply incredible.

"Had I gambled my money away, been a boozier and was on my third marriage, I would be



the younger generation of footballers, as a player who hadn't wasted his money and as a man who

better thought of than I am now."

And I agree with Kevin Keegan. It's a situation of

- the bigger and more successful you become, the more some people want to pull you down!

Keegan is no phoney - he's a brilliant player and always a trier and a star who's always good value for money, at Newcastle or wherever he plays.

His earning capacity is his business and if Newcastle can afford to pay him plenty, well surely that's their business.

The same goes for Australia's star players.

The majority are not phonies, just young men dedicated to their profession and doing the best they can financially, for themselves and their families.

Sure some of them make mistakes off and on the field, but nobody's perfect.

The playing standard here in Australia is as good as, if not better than, it ever was.

This, despite statements from old-timers living in the past.

Also, the attitude and commitment of the majority of our players has never been better.

If some clubs are financially over-committed, they have only themselves to blame.

Certainly players will ask for big money contracts but it is not compulsory for clubs to meet these demands.

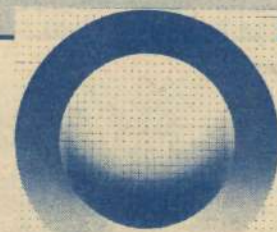
This should be remembered the next time our players are slammed for being "money-hungry" and "greedy." As with Kevin Keegan in England, a great deal of this criticism comes from people who are bitten by the jealousy bug.

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PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

DAVID RATCLIFFE

A DREAM PLAYER

THE demands of Soccer players today are high — more so than 25 years ago.

For example, a defender is required not only to defend, but he must have the ability to go forward, take a player on and even possess a shot good enough to test a goalkeeper.

One of the NSL's outstanding defenders is St George sweeper David Ratcliffe.

Ratcliffe is more than just a defender — he's a born leader, a good reader of the game, very tough, has a good shot and can spray a good pass from the back.

And what makes Ratcliffe a very valuable player is his attitude.

There's nothing fancy about him. He is a serious, dedicated professional with a responsible attitude and he has film-

star looks.

Ratcliffe can be deadly on the field, and he hates losing.

Once he pulls on the St George shirt, he's a different person.

He asks no favours. He is there to do his job and pity those who get in his way.

It came as no surprise when Frank Arok assigned Ratcliffe to look after Trevor Francis when Australia played England.

Francis will never forget the name Ratcliffe after the three Tests here.

Ratcliffe was voted the Players' Player in the recent series against England.

Q: What was it like marking a class striker

like Francis?

A: "Great. I enjoyed it immensely. It was a solid challenge for me and a great thrill. He was very quiet on the pitch. All action. Francis is an intelli-

By JOHN ECONOMOS

gent, down to earth person and from what I gathered, he's happy with Italian football."

Q: How did you personally rate Australia's performances against England?

A: "Despite the press reports, very good. We got better with every match as our confidence grew. I thought we did extremely well. It was England you know."

Q: Who will win this year's NSL title?

PERSONAL BRIEF

BORN: March, 9, 1957.

BIRTHPLACE: Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England.

HEIGHT: Six foot.

CLUBS PLAYED

FOR?: "Bradford City until 1978 when I came to Australia to play for Brisbane City. Then I was bought by Frank Arok for Saints."

MARRIED?: "Yes to my wife of five years, Andrea."

OCCUPATION?: Steel-fixer.

FAVOURITE NSL

land at the Sydney Cricket Ground. It was very hard for us and I liked it."

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN CAREER?: "Not making it in England."

CAR YOU DRIVE?: "A Datsun 1200."

FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Steak and Spaghetti."

DISLIKES IN SOCCER?: "Inconsistent refereeing and all types of injuries."

FAVOURITE MOVIE STARS?: "Clint Eastwood and Charles Bronson."

PLAYERS?: "John Kosmina and Frank Pimblett."

FAVOURITE NSL TEAM?: "Besides St George, Brisbane City for sentimental reasons."

SOCCER IDOLS WHEN YOUNG?: "None really."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT?: "Cricket."

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT?: "All of them."

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH?: "The First Test against Eng-

A: "A bit hard that one. We still have quite a few rounds left, but hopefully St George. You can't discount the current titleholders, Sydney City. They have the best squad in the League."

Q: Which NSL striker do you rate highly?

FAVOURITE MUSIC?: "Police and Dire Straits."

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR CAREER?: "Bobby Kennedy, my coach at Bradford City in England. He was a former Scottish international."

INTERNATIONAL CAPS FOR AUSTRALIA?: Six.

ULTIMATE AMBITIONS?: "Basically to be happy and do well whatever I end up doing."

A: "As I said before, they all are dangerous and I view them all with respect, but John Kosmina and Marshall Soper are good, tough-guys."

Q: Advice to junior Soccer players?

A: "Listen to the right people and pick up the



good points applicable to you. Then of course keep practicing."

Q: Comments about Soccer crowds down this year?

A: "It's not just Soccer. Rugby League is losing fans as well. I think there are many factors, such as the current economic recession, lack of born entertainers on the pitch. By that I mean big personality names that crowds would flock to see. For example, the Peter Sharnes, Roberto Vieris, Ray Richards and the Jimmy Rooneys. Personality players who can get to the people."

Q: What do you suggest to help rectify this situation?

A: "It's not really up to me or the players, but

clubs should promote the matches much more. Another aspect could be "Saturday Soccer" with some games, not all to be played on Sundays. Maybe even Saturday night matches. They have to try at least.

"Added to all this, I would say that players today are far more fitter than they were years ago and thus the game has become much more physical and less skilful. Players are far more conscious about winning and losing and not enjoyment."

David Ratcliffe is a dream player for any coach.

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WOLLONGONG is a city with the ingredients to become the Soccer capital of Australia. But someone threw away the recipe.

Soccer in the steel city is fragmented in too many different directions and for this reason the game is still marking time.

With its ethnic population, Wollongong should have a thriving National League team but the make-up of the team is one of the main reasons people don't turn up.

At a recent meeting of 240 club supporters, it was pointed out that the directors can solve the problem by signing a Greek, a Yugoslav and an Italian to draw people of these nationalities to their games.

Supporters also want a move from Ziems Park because of the terrible conditions in which they have to watch games.

Wollongong City must have its own ground — not one where there are continual wrangles with Rugby League or any other sport.

Club secretary John Vlietstra points out that Wollongong City, along with Sydney second division clubs Fairy Meadow and Wollongong United, borrow grounds for matches and training sessions and this can't be allowed to continue.

"We must start now to get the wheels turning towards having our own Soccer stadium — a headquarters for the game in the region," he said.

It is significant that the

two Federation clubs were mentioned because amalgamation with one or both certainly isn't out of the question.

Both have plenty going for them...

Fairy Meadow could be assured of backing from the strong Fraternity Club if there was to be a "marriage" with a National League side.

On the other hand, Wollongong United have big plans for a Soccer complex at Berkeley and plenty of supporters.

The fragmentation of

Soccer wanted the city in the national competition.

After 6,500 people turned up on the first day — a memorable 3:1 win over Sydney Olympic — crowds have gradually fallen off.

People say they won't go and watch overseas "has-beens" and demand that local youngsters be given a chance. The kids get in the team and these same people still stay away.

What are the answers? Regardless of what the make-up of the national

WOLLONGONG WOE

the game evolves mainly through the Illawarra Association, where there are 34 clubs in three Leagues — 92 senior teams.

In addition, there is the Business Houses League and a Church competition.

This involves hundreds of officials raising money continually to keep their small part of Illawarra Soccer alive.

It makes you wonder what could be achieved if all this effort were to be channelled into the NSL club.

Three years ago, everyone in Wollongong remotely interested in

competition is in 1984 — that's just five months away — Wollongong will be part of that League.

The directors should immediately sound out Fairy Meadow and Wollongong United in regard to amalgamation. Both clubs must be interested if they fail to get back in to the race for a place in the State League.

Investigate the possibility of working with Corrimall Rangers to develop Memorial Park into a Soccer stadium with cover. Once this is done, they will find labour and materials will spring up from everywhere.

A SPECIAL ASW INVESTIGATION BY OUR MAN ON THE SPOT PHIL MURPHY



This is the best Wollongong can offer for Soccer and Rugby League — the "Showpiece Stadium" of Illawarra. It's not good enough. (Below) Wollongong players Don James (Tarrawanna) and Phil Kerr (Corrimall).



Work on getting a better liaison going with Illawarra clubs because better relations can only result in bigger crowds at

There are many people genuinely interested in seeing Wollongong City have their own home and become Australia's top

Soccer club but they have to have a goal to aim for.

Far too long now, people in the area have been looking on Soccer in

the city as a leaky boat being continually patched up.



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

MANLY HOLD CROATIA

MANLY and Croatia played out a captivating scoreless draw at Cromer Park.

It was a fast and exciting game and both keepers worked hard. But

Watson and Cassertari proved equal to the task and the scoreline reflected their ability.

In the 9th minute Smith dashed down the left flank, cut inside and his fierce shot was brilliantly pushed around the post by Watson. Minutes

later Cassertari confidently plucked a Hensman corner from the advancing Arnold.

More end to end action followed and it appeared that Croatia would score when Holloway broke through but Manly defender, Williamson, was



Steve Watson

there to tackle.

The second half started at the same frantic pace with both defences kept busy. Croatia looked dangerous early into the half when Hensman broke through on the right flank and his 20 metre curling shot was well handled by Cassertari.

With minutes remaining, Jones found himself free at the edge of the penalty area following a corner from Peter Falconer and his toe stabbed skimming the crossbar.

For Croatia, Marijan Kovacic and Rezo were creative in midfield, Watson was safe in goal and Hensman once again a danger in attack.

It was a fine team effort from Manly with each player carrying out his instructions to the limit.

MANLY: Cassertari, Geoghegan, Williamson, K.Falconer, Scott, Jones, Steven, Vale (Stuart 68), Smith, P.Falconer, Noble.

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, M.Kovacic, Sterrey, Basic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold (A.Kovacic 83), Holloway, Hensman.

sides that resulted in a lack of goal scoring chances.

The best opportunity for Sutherland to equalize fell in the 42nd minute when Beggs set up Cashman and with the goal at his mercy, side-footed the ball. But Hoare was equal to it and turned the ball away with a splendid, one handed save.

Walker put the Demons further ahead in the 63rd minute when his 15 metre drive deflected off Dal Forno and past the bewildered Haynes. Minutes later, Sutherland's fate was sealed when Hesford, ignoring a call from Haynes for the ball, held on to it slightly too long and when finally forced to pass it back, kicked it into his own goal.

For Sutherland Groome continually probed forward, Harrington played strongly in midfield and Terrey was solid in defence.

Blacktown were best served by Stoddart and Selvage in midfield and Hoare played safely in goal.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Rassmussen, Turnbull (Pearson 45), Pointer, Selvage, Brogan, Stoddart, Walker, McLaughlin (Welbourne 79), Davies.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terrey, Schuman, Dal Forno, Cashman, Harrington, Clinch, Beggs, Groome, Johnston (Rogers 81).

GOALS: Blacktown (McLaughlin 1, Dal Forno o.g., Hesford o.g.).

though in the 66th minute Allen missed a vital chance.

MONARO MOVES UP

INTER-MONARO maintained their momentum for a spot in the semi-finals with a determined 1-0 win over Polonia at Chopin Park.

Inter-Monaro played enthusiastically and regularly looked for spaces in attack. For a team playing away from home, they continually pushed forward and had Polonia back-peddalling on many occasions.

Monaro scored their vital goal after a communication breakdown between Geekie and Galas when Willox swooped through to place Monaro in the lead.

In the second half Polonia came out at Monaro but the rock solid defence stood firm. Both sides looked for quick counter-attacks but poor finishing and stern defensive work thwarted them.

On a happier note for Polonia, they have unearthed a promising striker in young Leek.

MELITA climbed two points clear of Croatia following their 3-0 win over Bankstown at the Soccer Centre.

In the 9th minute, referee B.Picker, who had a poor game, awarded Melita a penalty which even surprised the Melita supporters. Farrugia made no mistake from the spot.

Seconds later Jamieson was sent from the field for alleged abusive language. Bankstown played with enthusiasm and created opportunities but poor finishing and inexperience led to their downfall.

Dashing young sub Farnsworth opened up the attack for Melita on numerous occasions in the second half. An early solo run from halfway in the 53rd minute forced Giffin to save low.

Farrugia scored Melita's second goal from the spot after Farnsworth made another menacing run inside the area and was brought down.

McKie made it 3-0 for Melita when he headed a cross from Williams, on the right, into goal.

Melita played well considering they struggled for the majority of the game with only 10 men. Williams played well in defence as did Griffiths in midfield while McKie and substitute Farnsworth stood out in attack.

MELITA: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McAusland, Daley, Griffiths, Duarte (Farnsworth 45), Jamieson (SO 10), Allan, Farrugia, McKie.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Agostino, King, Vaughan, Kennedy (Beck 81), Sirett (Brown 45), Bourke, York, Blackburn, Parker, Sillens.

GOALS: Melita (Farrugia 9, 69, McKie 74).

KU-RING-GAI CRUSH YUGAL

KU-RING-GAI defeated Yugal 3-0 in a spiteful match at Fraser Park where no less than six yellow and one red card was produced.

Ku-Ring-Gai pressured right from the outset and created many goal scoring opportunities. Knight set-up Regan and he volleyed over the bar. Knight shot wide in the 10th minute, a Berry cross was headed wide by Chaloner in the 20th minute.

Chaloner was in the thick of the action in the 28th minute when he found himself free in front of goal shot wide and he repeated this again in the 32nd minute.

In the second half Ku-Ring-Gai's attacking movements were rewarded with three goals.

In the 47th minute a cross from Brockbank was partially cleared and Leak was on hand to score.

This didn't deter Yugal and they came out in attack forcing numerous corners against Ku-Ring-Gai.

Ku-Ring-Gai made it 2-0 in the 55th minute after Regan was brought down

inside the box. His shot from the spot was saved by Berry but Leak was on hand to pick up the pieces.

Moments later Zivkovic broke through but Curtis was on hand to pull off a brave save diving at his feet.

Brockbank sealed the issue with minutes remaining when he broke through on the left and beat Berry with a well placed shot.

In was a fine team effort from Ku-Ring-Gai highlighted by the individual efforts of Berry, Brockbank, Knight and Leak.

For Yugal Berry played well despite the scoreline, McIntosh before he was sent-off and Gogic was confident in defence.

YUGAL: Berry, Turkoglu, Forrester, Gogic, McIntosh (SO 70), Pahor, Morsello (Baumgartner 68), Banjac, Cummings, Zivkovic (Jesic 65), Tanoski.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Berry, Jesse, Bertram, Robertson, Knight, Regan, Brockbank, Leak, Eaton (Davidson 50), Chaloner.

GOALS: Ku-Ring-Gai (Leak 47, 55, Brockbank 87).

OWN GOALS UPSET SHARKS

BLACKTOWN recorded a vital 3-0 win against Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park.

Sutherland really can not afford to lose any more games if they wish to gain a position in the semi-final play-offs at the end of the season. Despite the result, the Sharks showed signs of improving and it was two own goals that lead to their downfall.

The Demons scored a valuable goal in only the 1st minute of the game when the unmarked McLaughlin latched onto a cross and headed it home.

Play was fairly even for the remainder of the first half but it was the lack of penetration from both

AVALA climbed to within one point of a spot in the top four following their 2-1 victory over Auburn at Mona Park.

Auburn could feel slightly unlucky about the result because on many occasions they created chances but poor finishing let them down. It was only during the last 15 minutes of the first half that Avala dominated proceedings and scored their two goals.

Early in the game Vujnovic and Hosseini combined, with the latter passing to Milne who's attempt at the open goal went wide.

Carney and Townson teamed to try a quick

one-two but Carney's shot was blocked off the line.

Avala scored their first goal in the 37th minute when Hosseini won possession from a corner and laid the ball on for Muniz who drove it into goal.

Tilt made it 2-0 after he brilliantly ran on to a through ball, and from an acute angle, slotted it past the surprised Bowman.

With seconds remaining before the break, Allen almost pegged one back but his attempted lob over Ahrens sailed just over the bar.

Auburn maintained pressure from the start of the second half and were rewarded with a goal in the 52nd minute when Bobinac passed to Hardwick and his cross was headed in from the by-line by Allen. Al-

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TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1 Saturday July 30

Inter Monaro v S.S.C. Yugal Marco Polo Oval

Sunday July 31

Manly v Polonia Cromer Park

Ku-ring-gai v Cant-M'ville Oly Parklands Oval

Blacktown City v Croatia Sydney Gabbie Stadium

Avala v Sutherland Shire Knight Park

Melita Eagles v Auburn Melita Stadium

DIVISION 2

Saturday July 30

Artarmon v Blacktown United Artarmon Reserve

Revesby Workers v Parramatta City Jensen Oval

Sunday July 31

Warringah N'been v Dee Why Narrabeen Fitness Camp

Uni of NSW v Fairy Meadow Little Bay Oval

Rockdale v Penrith United Hurstville Oval

Wollongong United v Gladesville Ravens Berkeley Spts Grd

Belmore v North Bankstown Blick Oval

DIVISION 1

Saturday, August 6

Polonia v Blacktown City Chopin Park

Sutherland Shire v Auburn Seymour Show Park

Sunday, August 7

S.S.C. Yugal v Manly Warringah Fraser Park

Cant-M'ville Oly v Inter Monaro Arlington Oval

Bankstown v Ku-Ring-Gai Soccer Centre

Croatia Sydney v Avala King Tomislav Park

DIVISION 2

Tuesday, August 2 8pm 1st Grade only

Blacktown Utd v Penrith Utd Francis Park

Saturday, August 6

Blacktown Utd v Warringah N'been Francis Park

Sunday, August 7

Dee Why v Rockdale Graham Reserve

Fairy Meadow v Artarmon Police Boys Grd

Parramatta City v Uni of NSW Garside Park

Nth Bankstown v Revesby Workers Potts Park

Penrith Utd v Wollongong Utd Cook Park

Gladesville Ravens v Belmore Peel Park

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	18	13	2	3	35	10	28
Croatia	17	10	6	1	29	8	26
Blacktown	17	12	0	5	36	16	24
Ku-Ring-Gai	17	8	5	4	22	15	21
Avala	17	7	6	4	23	20	20
Inter-Monaro	17	6	6	5	23	18	18
Sutherland	16	7	4	5	20	18	18
Manly	18	5	6	7	25	28	16
Yugal	17	4	7	6	16	25	15
Polonia	16	3	5	8	19	28	11
Cant-M'ville	17	4	3	10	22	34	11
Bankstown	18	2	4	12	19	43	8
Auburn	17	2	2	13	18	42	6

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	17	13	4	0	47	13	30
Melita	18	9	7	2	54	32	25
Manly	18	11	3	4	42	20	25
Ku-Ring-Gai	16	9	6	1	40	13	24
Bankstown	16	9	5	2	37	21	23
Sutherland	15	10	0	5	43	15	20
Croatia	17	6	5	6	29	25	17
Avala	17	5	4	8	30	34	14
Auburn	17	5	3	9	24	36	13
Cant-M'ville	17	4	1	12	23	43	9
Yugal	17	2	3	12	16	65	7
Inter-Monaro	17	2	2	13	12	45	6
Polonia	16	1	3	12	10	47	5

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	16	9	6	1	25	12	24
Sutherland	13	10	0	3	34	13	20
Melita	17	7	7	3	37	18	21
Manly	17	7	4	6	38	23	18
Polonia	14	8	1	5	16	19	17
Blacktown	16	5	6	5	30	20	16
Croatia	14	6	2	27	18	18	14
Bankstown	14	5	4	5	23	22	14
Ku-Ring-Gai	16	4	4	8	20	25	12
Auburn	15	4	4	7	20	34	12
Avala	16	3	4	9	20	37	10
Yugal	16	0	2	14	11	62	2

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	19	12	3	3	45	21	29
Warr-N-been	18	11	4	3	34	16	26
Gladesville	18	11	3	4	34	23	25
Fairy Meadow	18	10	4	4	32	21	24
Wollongong Utd	18	8	6	4	36	21	22
Artamon	19	8	3	8	35	30	19
Revesby Wicks	18	5	9	4	35	30	19
Dee Why	17	7	5	5	25	25	19
Penrith Utd	17	5	7	5	24	18	17
Blacktown Utd	18	6	4	8	19	20	16
Uni of NSW	19	4	5	10	16	28	13
Nth Bankstown	17	4	3	10	27	33	11
Parra City	19	2	6	11	16	38	10
Belmore	18	0	4	14	10	4	4

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	18	13	4	1	44	15	30
Gladesville	18	12	4	2	51	11	28
Revesby	18	11	1	6	44	25	23
Warr-N-been	18	7	8	3	30	16	22
Wollongong Utd	18	9	3	6	40	36	21

Penrith Utd	16	8	4	4	35	17	20
Parra City	19	8	3	8	31	39	19
Nth Bankstown	16	7	4	5	29	23	18
Artamon	19	8	2	9	32	42	18
Rockdale	19	6	2	11	26	37	14
Belmore	19	4	3	12	25	45	11
Dee Why	17	4	2	11	14	34	10
Blacktown Utd	18	4	2	12	21	45	10
Uni of NSW	19	3	2	14	15	52	8

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	18	17	0	1	74	15	34
Penrith Utd	15	13	1	1	53	18	27
Dee Why	17	10	3	4	35	19	23
Uni of NSW	19	9	5	5	33	22	23
Gladesville	18	7	7	4	34	23	21
Parra City	19	8	4	7	27	31	20
Warr-N-been	18	6	4	8	31	34	16
Belmore	19	7	2	10	29	32	16
Rockdale	19	6	4	9	22	38	16
Nth Bankstown	16	6	2	8	29	37	14
Blacktown	18	5	4	9	28	42	14
Wollongong	17	3	5	9	25	35	11
Artamon	19	4	3	12	35	58	11
Revesby Wicks	18	1	2	15	12	63	4

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bathurst 75	16	11	3	2	28	9	25
Queens Park	16	10	3	3	31	11	23
Nth Ryde	17	9	4	4	27	18	22
Campbelltown	16	8	6	2	34	17	22
Mt Drutt Twn	17	8	4	5	25	24	20
Gladesville Hby	15	6	5	4	17	16	17
Liverpool Albion	17	4	7	6	21	21	15
Bondi Marine	16	5	4	7	30	21	14
Kingsford	13	4	3	6	16	25	11
Lane Cove Utd	16	3	4	9	17	34	10
CSI	16	3	2	11	16	29	8
Baulkham Hills	15	1	1	13	12	48	3

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Campbelltown	16	9	5	2	32	13	23
Bondi Marine	16	7	7	2	29	19	21
Nth Ryde	17	8	5	4	24	20	21
Gladesville	15	7	4	4	30	21	18
CSI	16	6	4	29	23	18	18
Mt Drutt Twn	17	7	4	6	27	24	18
Queens Park	16	5	6	5	24	32	16
Liverpool Albion	17	5	5	7	17	16	15
Baulkham Hills	15	4	6	5	18	19	14
Bathurst 75	16	3	5	8	17	24	11
Lane Cove Utd	16	3	3	10	38	9	9
Kingsford	13	1	4	8	16	50	6

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	15	11	4	0	42	9	26
Campbelltown	16	11	2	3	33	18	24
Queens Park	15	10	3	2	46	14	23
Baulkham Hills	15	8	2	5	29	13	18
CSI	16	6	5	5	23	25	17
Bathurst 75	16	7	3	6	29	27	17
Liverpool Albion	16	7	2	7	31	21	16
Mt Drutt Twn	16	7	2	7	26	25	16
Bondi Marine	15	5	3	7	20	31	13
Kingsford	13	4	2	7	10	19	10
Nth Ryde	17	2	1	14	23	57	3
Lane Cove	16	0	1	15	6	52	1



Demonette glamour girls. More wanted

DEMONS ADD A TOUCH OF GLAMOUR

BY SUSANNE DARBY

BLACKTOWN City Soccer club have a glamorous new attraction at home games this year. It is the Blacktown Demonettes, a group of girls who perform a complicated routine of dancing and entertaining.

The girls have just negotiated sponsorship for 1984 which ensures they will have the latest in outfits. Capital Signs is the sponsor.

As well as appearing at the Gabbie Stadium, the girls have been booked to appear at Westpoint prior to the Croatia clash to

promote that game.

Also the Demonettes are preparing for appearances at the Sydney Sports Ground as Blacktown first grade has sewn up a top four spot and 2nd grade is undefeated this year.

The girls train in the club auditorium once a

week under professional trainer Margret Crossling. The girls also do some hostess work in the licensed club for special functions so the minimum age is 17 years.

This Sunday the girls will be on parade during the big game between Blacktown City and Croatia at the Gabbie Stadium. The Demonettes are keen to add to their numbers so any young ladies interested in joining can enquire through me on 6257697.

FREE TICKETS

If you can answer the following five questions correctly and ring Vince Montgomery at the Blacktown City Soccer club on 624-3344 you have a chance of winning a free double pass to the big game on Sunday.

1. Who is Blacktown City's major sponsor?
2. Which Blacktown City Soccer player won the Rothmans medal last year?
3. What is the name of Blacktown City's home ground?
4. Who is the present first grade coach at Blacktown City?
5. What position do Blacktown currently hold in the NSW State League?

MAKE A DATE

THIS Sunday at the Gabbie Stadium Blacktown take on Croatia in what promises to be a crowd pleasing match.

Both sides are striving for Championship honors and this meeting is crucial for both teams.

Blacktown coach, Casey De Bruin, has his side fired up for this game and in their last two outings the Demons have scored six goals.

On the other hand, Croatia coach, Joseph Kuze, can feel slightly disappointed with his team's last two efforts in which they haven't scored a goal but then they haven't conceded one either.

The Demons have been firing this year with Selva and Stoddart in mid-field controlling proceedings.

Croatia have always posed a threat against every side and this Sunday talented players like Lee Sterrey, Marijan Kovacic and Peter Hensman will



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**RISEING
STAR**

**SLAV
PLANINIC**

AUBURN are one club in the NSW State League who certainly develop young champions. **Stopper Slav Planinic** is one.

Just 19, Slav has cemented a spot in the first grade team.

One of the fittest players at Auburn, Slav's major attribute is his consistently high workrate. A player who likes to go forward in attack, Slav recently scored a memorable hat-trick against Bankstown in his side's 5-4 victory.

Slav is a full-time student at the Institute of Technology and is completing his first year in the Bachelor of Business course.

He started his Soccer career at Fairfield RSL as an Under 11 player and

left the club after a three year period.

In 1979 he joined forces with the popular Guilford County club and in 1980



gained selection in the Auburn Under 16 youth team which consequently won the Metropolitan Championship competition.

The following season Slav enjoyed further success when the Third grade side at Auburn won the competition. During 1982 Slav was nursed through second grade and this year won first grade selection through his consistent and workmanlike efforts.

I asked Slav which opponents he has most difficulty with.

"Bernie Godzik from Inter Monaro is exceptionally fast, very skilful and can also shoot with both feet. Steven Leak, from Manly, is a powerful runner with the ball and all ways on the move," Slav said.

Slav hastened to add that his main aim in Soccer is to help Auburn stave off relegation.

And once that happens he will reassess the situation and if he can reach a

certain standard then he'll play a higher grade.

"At Auburn there is a close liaison between all grades and the committee are most helpful and all ways run things smoothly," he said.

Like many young players climbing the stairs of success, there have been a few people that have helped and influenced Slav during his early days.

"Tommy Hughes, a former Auburn player, was a great coach. We were the underdogs and he made us believe in ourselves. We went on to win the competition," said Slav.

"The next year Keith Piper took control and we went on to become Premiers and Grand Final winners. This year John McDonald has been a great help. Not only has he given me a chance in first grade but he also stood by me and has given me that extra bit of encouragement."

Auburn secretary Fred Parker is one person that holds Slav in high regard.

"He is certainly one player that has enjoyed considerable success at the club. This season he has become a regular player in the first team but there is no doubt that he has deserved it and can look forward to more successful years in Soccer," said Mr Parker.

Slav Planinic can be proud of his Soccer career to date. By following the formula of dedication, motivation and physical fitness, Slav has been duly recognised and rewarded with a position in the first eleven and one which he will hold for many years to come.

DUVNJAK, A MUST!

NIKOLA Duvnjak, self-confessed product of a thorough 'street level Soccer apprenticeship', is making a big name for himself after only a handful of games with NSW State League club, **Monaro**, reports **Steve Burns**.

Monaro President, Laurie Pastrello, is convinced Duvnjak will prove one of the finds of the season.

Marconi fans will remember him fleetingly as the player who played for them briefly last year.

Domestic problems in Yugoslavia forced his premature return. This time Duvnjak is determined to see out his 18 month, two-season contract.

"Yes, I am a product of street level Soccer," he explained through an interpreter.

"What better way is there to learn?"

And learn Duvnjak, son of ordinary working class Yugoslavs did. By the time he had reached 14 he had already signed for Serbian club Creenka, then playing in one of the country's two second divisions.

"I played just about everywhere — full back, midfielder, right winger — but I was mainly a midfielder player," Duvnjak said.

"I was for ever playing Soccer. I played it every spare moment I had," he said.

"Basketball rates highly, too — but nothing like Soccer."

Did Soccer offer today's Yugoslav national stars a generous living? I asked.

The reply was an emphatic 'yes', to which was added the cautious additional explanation that payment greatly depended on what club one played for.

"But a good national league (first division) club would pay a player about \$A1,000 a month," Duvnjak said.

"And there could be other peripheral benefits like accommodation, as well."

And how did that compare to the lot of Mr and Mrs Ordinary Yugoslav?



Nikola Duvnjak

"About two to three times better," he said.

"It is because of this that Soccer attracts so many willing youngsters. All want to make it into the big time."

But in Yugoslavia, just like any other Soccer crazy country, the drop out rate is enormous.

And the big difference between Soccer in Australia and Yugoslavia?

"The Yugoslav game is more skilful," he said.

"Here, perhaps more so with Marconi than Monaro, the emphasis is on running, running and more running. You don't get muscles for Soccer from running."

"Back home the emphasis would be on specific skills, like dribbling, ball control, heading, set play routines, corner kicks and positional sense."

"These are the things that we do over and over again until we get them perfect."

And the lifestyle in Australia?

"Good, very good," came the rapid reply from the interpreter, who then after listening to further explanation added: "Nikola is saying there is only one bad thing — cooking his own food. That he isn't used to doing."

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

ILLAWARRA second division club **Koonawarra** have been saved from extinction after recently signing seven players in a week.

Among the new signings are former Premier League players **Steve Royall**, **Geoff Potter** and **Marty McLarnan**.

The club started the season with just half a dozen players for two teams and eventually took their numbers to 14 with most of them doubling up every week.

The latest influx has certainly made a difference.

Recently the first grade side lost 10-1 and 12-0 on the same weekend when forced to play a double header, some players having to turn out in four games.

With their new players, Koonawarra played leaders University and did well to lose 3-0 after a scoreless first half.

Royall, who is captain of the side, played with West-Figtree and Corri-mal while Potter and McLarnan were both with Bulli.

Club secretary **Steve Clifford** says it won't be long before the side win their first game and it seems certain there will be one big celebration that night.

Fernhill have lost some valuable points in recent weeks despite having played well, the draws against Figtree and Shellharbour being good examples.

Against Shellharbour, they led 3-1 with eight minutes left and conceded two late goals. With three points for a win this season that proves expensive.

WOLLONGONG United have lost striker **Paul Giraldi**, who is on an overseas trip.

In his last game, Giraldi helped his side to a 2-0 win over North Bankstown.

Coach **Larry Ashbolt** has been plagued by striker problems all season and this has virtually put United out of the promotion race.

They had **Peter Beggs** on loan for a month but he has since returned to Sutherland and a bulk of the work up front now rests on **Roberto Giraldi** and **Bob Fracasso**.

YOUNGSTER **Alex Bundalo** celebrated his selection in the State CHS squad with a gem of a goal against Parramatta.

The Fairy Meadow midfielder hammered in a 25m shot which gave goalkeeper **Don Donovan** no chance and clinched the two points for his team.

Bundalo, who had a spell training with Manchester United last year, has had a mixed season with Fairy Meadow.

The Parramatta game was probably his best of the season and coincided with the return to the midfield of experienced **Mick Richardson**.

BEST GUEST

DEE Why Soccer club have scooped the pool by securing the services of **George Best** in a friendly game against Manly at Cromer Park this Wednesday night.

George's manager, **Bill**

McMurdo, will play with the Manly side and **George** will line up for Dee Why. It promises to be a great night with the main game starting at 7.30pm preceded by a ladies game.

NORTHERN NSW

A LAST minute goal by **Lake Macquarie's** free-scoring **Kerry Caban** pushed Adamstown from the second placed rung of the Northern NSW Soccer League ladder at Speers Point.

Adamstown, fielding a much changed combination struggled throughout, before Caban improved Lake's chances of semi-final participation.

Leaders **Weston** cruised to a 3-0 win over **Belmont** Swansea proving superior in all stages of play.

Central Coast moved into second spot with a 3-1 win over **Hamilton Red Star** while **West Wallsend** retained fourth position with a hard fought 2-1 win against wooden spooners **Tamworth City**.

RESULTS

Central Coast 3 (Bryden Corbett, Blackpool) bt Hamilton Red Star 1 (R. Milosevic).

Lake Macquarie 1 (Caban) bt Adamstown nil.

Weston 3 (Taylor, Johns, Mansley) by Belmont Swansea nil.

Highfield Azzurri 2 (Bizzari, Dunn) bt Maitland 1 (Elphick).

West Wallsend 2 (Dempsey, Baldwin) bt Tamworth City 1 (Russ).

NSW FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Auburn v Avala	1-2	1-3	0-3
Polonia v Inter Monaro	0-1	0-2	—
SSC Yugal v Ku-Ring-Gai	0-3	0-4	0-4
Bankstown v Melita Eagles	0-3	1-1	1-0
Croatia v Manly Warringah	0-0	0-0	2-1
Sutherland Shire v Blacktown City	0-3	0-2	1-0

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

	I	II	III
Gl'ville Ravens v Rockdale	0-1	2-0	0-1
Dee Why v Artarmon	2-0	0-1	5-1
Blacktown Utd v Uni. of NSW	2-0	3-2	1-5
Fairy Meadow v Revesby Workers	3-1	3-0	6-0
Nth Bankstown v Parramatta City	1-3	3-2	1-2
Penrith Utd v Warringah N'been	1-2	1-1	4-1
Belmore v Wollongong Utd	2-7	2-2	3-2
Artarmon v Warringah N'been	2-3	2-1	1-4

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

	I	II	III
Bondi v Bathurst '75	1-2	0-0	0-1
Camp'town City v Kingsford	2-1	12-0	2-0
Nth Ryde v Lane Cove Utd	1-0	2-0	4-0
Queens Park E/S v Gladesville Hby	1-1	3-5	2-2
Baulkham Hills v Mt Druitt Town	0-3	0-1	0-2
CSI v Liverpool Albion	1-1	2-2	0-1
Queens v C'town City	0-1	1-1	3-0

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

	I	II
Sydney Uni. v King Tomislav	1-2	3-0
Fairfield Kiev v Port Hacking	1-1	0-3
Maroubra Utd v Fairfield West	1-1	4-2
Eastern Creek v Wentworth Waratahs	1-1	1-0
Hurstville Zagreb v Concordia	4-2	1-1
Nineveh Eagles v Spanish Club	1-3	2-1
Eastern Creek v Port Hacking	2-1	0-1

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

	I	II
Chelsea v Pagewood	1-1	3-0
Transandinos Sports v Eastwood S/A	1-2	0-6
Sydney Maccabi v Chelsea	1-1	0-4
Chile Sports v Padstow Park	1-1	1-1
West Utd v Moorebank	1-4	2-1
C'Town Gunners v West St George	2-0	1-1
Moorebank v C'town Gunn's	0-0	1-1
Blacktown v Revesby	2-1	3-2

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

	I	II
Macquarie Uni. v Ryde Dist.	3-0	1-3
Hawkesbury Dist. v Haberfield B/D's	4-0	3-0
Blacktown Wands v Robins	3-1	1-5
Smithfield H/S v Green Valley Utd	1-2	2-2
Revesby Rovers v Macarthur Utd	0-3	2-9
Haberfield v Green Valley	2-3	2-4
Hawkesbury Dist. v Macquarie	1-1	0-1

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

	I	II
Chullora v Nepean Rovers	2-0	2-1

Liverpool Rangers v Rangers Hajduk

	I	II
Rosebery v Hellas Poseidon	2-1	3-0
Lithgow Workmans v South Sydney	2-2	2-0
Dulwich Hill v Colo Colo	4-2	2-0
Murray Farm v Blacktown Workers	3-0	3-0
Chullora v Liverpool Rangers	1-3	1-1

INTER URBAN 5TH DIVISION

	I	II
St Marys RSL v Welcome Sports	0-2	1-3
Jedinstvo Utd v Concord Jnrs	1-2	0-8
Santiago Wands v Liverpool Utd	1-6	3-2
Argentinian L/U v Lansvale Utd	1-1	2-2
Castle Hill v Sans Souci	6-1	8-0
Sans Souci v Lansvale	0-6	0-1
Argentin v Liverpool Utd	2-4	2-2

INTER URBAN 1ST-5TH DIVISION POINTS

Grade 1: Pt Hacking 26, Fairfield Kiev 22, King Tomislav 22, Maroubra Utd 21, Eastern Creek 21, Hurst-Zagreb 17, Fairfield West 15, Nineveh Eagles 14, Syd-Uni. 13, Spanish 12, Concordia 10, Wenty 7.

Grade 2: Maroubra Utd 29, Pt Hacking 26, Fairfield West 23, Syd-Uni 20, Eastern Creek 18, Nineveh Eagles 17, King Tomislav 14, Spanish 14, Concordia 13, Hurst-Zagreb 10, Fairfield Kiev 10, Wenty 6.

Grade 1: Eastwood 21, Padstow Pk 20, C'town 20, Moorebank 18, Chelsea 14, Chile 14, Pagewood 13, Syd. Maccabi 12, West St George 11, Trans Spts 11, West Utd 6.

Grade 2: C'town 23, Chelsea 21, Eastwood 20, Moorebank 17, Padstow Park 17, Pagewood 16, West St George 15, Syd Maccabi 11, Trans Spts 7, Chile 6, West Utd 5.

Grade 1: Macarthur Utd 21, Macq. Uni 21, Hawks Dist 20, Green Valley 18, Bl'town Wands 17, Robins 14, Haberfield 14, Ryde Dist. 13, L'pool City 12, Smithfield 11, Rov Rovers 3.

Robins 24, Ryde Dist. 23, L'pool City 22, Macq. Uni 19, Green Valley 17, Macarthur Utd 17, Smithfield 11, Hawkesbury 10, Bl'town Wands 10, Rov Rovers 8, Haberfield B/D 3.

Grade 1: Roseberry 27, Murray Farm 23, Chullora 22, Rangers 21, Dulwich Hill 18, Nepean Rov 18, Colo Colo 17, Hellas Poseidon 16, Lithgow 11, L'pool Ranger 11, Sth Sydney 10, Bl'town Wks 9.

Grade 2: Roseberry 30, Dulwich Hill 27, Murray Farm 25, Rangers 21, Hellas Poseidon 19, Nepean Rov 17, Bl'town Wks 17, L'pool Rang. 13, Sth Sydney 13, Colo Colo 11, Sth Sydney 7, Lithgow 2.

Grade 1: Concord Jnrs 30, Welcome Spts 30, Castle Hill 21, L'pool Utd 19, Argentinian 18, Lansvale Utd 17, Jed Utd 15, Sans Souci 9, Santiago Wands 5, St Mary's 2.

Grade 2: Welcome Spts 27, Castle Hill 27, Concord Jnrs 27, L'pool Utd 21, Lansvale Utd 20, St Mary's 13, Argentinian 13, Sans Souci 8, Santiago Wands 7, Jed Utd 5.



SOUTHS NEED SECOND GOALIE

Peter Laumets: needs understudy

BY PETER DESIRA
SOUTH Melbourne is on the lookout for a goalkeeper — but Peter Laumets need not be too worried about his spot in the side.

Coach Len McKendry is concerned that Souths don't have any cover for the senior 'keeper and says a player in that department is the only signing he would like to make before this week's NSL transfer deadline.

"There are some who have criticised Laumets for conceding some easy goals but I think he is a good 'keeper and I will stick by him on what I have seen so far," McKendry said.

"But I am worried that something might happen

to him because we have got no one experienced to take over from him should he get an injury.

"The State League goalie, Mark Turudia, is very young and wouldn't be quite ready to make the jump up to the NSL.

"The situation hasn't quite reached desperation stage because if you look around I'd say the other Melbourne NSL clubs are in the same boat.

"But it is something I have thought seriously about and if the club gets the opportunity I'd like to sign a back-up goalie.

"Apart from that I'm prepared to play out the season with the players I already have in the squad although there are only 13 I can pick from.

"In the past South Melbourne has bought players for the sake of stopping other clubs getting them - David Jones would be a prime example I'd say.

"But I am more concerned about getting some

stability into the side and if we do make a signing it will be because it would suit a particular need.

"At the moment the important thing is to get some organisation in the team and continue the present development."

COME BACK ROVERS!

BY GARY CUTLER

ALBION Rovers, the team everyone wrote off at the start of the season have begun a rebuilding plan that should see the club have some excellent facilities by the end of the season.

The spirit at the club must be one of the best in the state league. This is a credit to coach Hugh Murney and his assistant Joe Docherty.

New changing rooms are well under way and should be

completed within the next few months.

The playing surface at the Selwyn Park ground has recieved some strong criticism from all quarters and none less than from the players themselves.

Barry Tyquin, a prominent committee man told me "We have almost completed the dressing rooms and they will be used before the start of the new season.

"The pitch will be dug up at the end of the season and a new surface will be laid by for next season."

A show of the spirit at the club was the decision by the players to donate from there wages \$30 each to help to improve the inside of the club.

The final step in the improvements is the updating of the car park.

The club may not be doing all that well on the pitch at the moment, but off the pitch they are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

'SUPER' VSF MOVES SET

BY FRED VILLIERS
THE Victorian Soccer Federation will make an announcement about their 1984 Super League early next month.

The announcement will come after the ASF executive meeting in Sydney on Saturday.

Before any decision is made, VSF secretary-manager George Wallace said his board of management wanted to have all the facts of the important meeting which will decide whether the NSL will be increased to 24 clubs next year.

It is believed the VSF will re-organise the entire league set-up to accommodate the best managed clubs with first class facilities in higher grades.

Soccer House, and the Soccer enthusiasts in Melbourne, are hoping sanity prevails with the four

Melbourne-based NSL clubs — Preston, Heidelberg, South Melbourne and Footscray — and that they will return to the local competition.

By doing this they will make up a strong Super League enabling their supporters to see them every week instead of every fortnight.

Unless the Big Four in Victoria quit the NSL they will almost certainly go bankrupt.

Things are bad enough now with demands for higher wages for players, and increased air fares.

It would appear everyone in the game except those who run the clubs can see the weekend jaunt of flying up and down the east coast is not a paying proposition.

Interstate games do not pay financially and they certainly do not bring in the crowds.

That's why a local Super League with the strongest and biggest crowd-pulling teams like the present four in the NSL, the top teams in the State League — Melbourne Croatia, Green Gully, Brunswick Juventus, Morwell Falcons, George Cross and possibly a Turkish club established from the Holland Park side in the Provisional League, would be a better proposition to all concerned.

The league would attract more fans and cut expenses. If any proof is needed we only have to look at the big crowds which attended the Am. pol Cup series early this year.

This competition involved the top eight clubs in the State. It proved to be a very successful forerunner to a Super League.

TOP THREE

THREE teams remain undefeated in the Victorian Soccer Federation competition this year.

They are Yarraville (Provisional League division one), Springvale United (Provisional League division three reserves), and Bulleen (Buffalo Youth League).

Yarraville have played 18 games, won 11, drawn 7, scored 49 goals and conceded 19 for a total of 29 points. Springvale United P18, W15, D3, F69, A19, 23 pts. Bulleen P6, W5, D1, F21, A4, 11 pts.

RASIC SUES

Former South Melbourne Manager-Coach Rale Rasic has issued a Supreme Court writ against South Melbourne over his dismissal.

The writ claims 60,000 dollars in salaries and an undisclosed amount for damages incurred by his dismissal in June 29 1983.

Rasic claims he was employed by South Melbourne as manager-coach for two years, for December 1st 1982, with an agreed salary of 35,000 dollars per annum.

Rasic's Lawyer, Mr. Peter Pryles, demands the trial of the action by the Supreme Court of Melbourne.

STATE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

GREEN GULLY AJAX recorded a prolific 8-0 win over trouble-torn Ringwood Whilhelmina, to narrow the goal difference from League leaders Melbourne Croatia, who had a narrow escape from Northcote City.

Gully target man and leading goalscorer of the State competition, Paul Lewis, netted four goals to increase his goal tally to 18 so far this season.

Bob Smallman scored a memorable hat trick and player-coach Peter Boyle completed the scoring with a vintage goal.

League leaders Melbourne Croatia escaped unscathed from their head-on clash with improved Northcote City.

Substitute Ossie Latiff found the target twice in the second half to give his side a 2-1 victory.

Northcote had taken the lead in the first half through Jim Sahinidis, but the loss of their right-back Gary Cutler through injury upset their rhythm directly contributing to their defeat.

Bottom placed South Melbourne held high riding Juventus to a 1-1 draw on Saturday reviving hopes for their survival.

Chris Bekiaris scored from the penalty spot for South Melbourne and "tiger" Cullen netted for Juventus.

Doveton bettered their position in the League with a surprise 3-1 win over lowly Morwell Falcons.

Lennon contributed two of the goals and Stirton secured Doveton's win

with the third goal.

Former Sydney City and South Melbourne forward Bob McGuinness scored the consolation goal for Falcons.

Maribyrnong Polonia charged into contention for a top four position, with a slender 1-0 win over much favoured Box Hill.

Petrov scored the solitary goal giving newly appointed coach Les Dzielakowski his first win.

During the week the Polish-sponsored club released Mike Lynn from his contract, because of poor performances of the side under his guidance.

Croydon City, also under a new coach, managed an easy 4-0 win over lowly placed Albion Rovers.

Reserves coach Dilworth took over during the week from Bill McArthur.

Peter Loughnane scored twice and Sweeney and Dobson contributed one goal each.

Sunshine George Cross continued their march to the top with a convincing 3-0 win over Fawkner.

Two own goals by Fawkner and a third goal by Main gave the rejuvenated George Cross their seventh win of the season.

By Con Nikolopoulos

OCEANIA YOUTH MATCH FOR NZ

AN inaugural under-16 tournament will be staged in Auckland, New Zealand, in December.

It will be staged under the supervision of the Oceania Youth commit-

tee. Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, and Chinese Taipei will take part.

The tournament is in line with FIFA president Joao Havelange's development proposals.

FALCONS NOT CONVINCED

BY PETER DESIRA

MAKING grand plans about Super Leagues, end of season play-offs between all eight States, and Cup competitions is easy enough. But already there are doubts whether the VSF has the capability to deliver the goods now that the promises have been

made.

Morwell Falcons president Don de Fabrizio is doubtful that the situation can be sorted out in time constitutionally and he says getting more than two or three States to take part in the play-offs in the first year would amount to a minor miracle.

"We will apply to be in

the Super League but a lot will depend on how it is put together," he said.

"There really is a lot of work to be done and it needs all the States to make it a success.

"But I haven't given the matter a great deal of attention as yet because I don't really think it will eventuate."

BIG BOYS GO AMPOL

THE underdogs have been bundled out of Queensland's Ampol Cup competition and the semi-finals are set to be fought out by four of the five top teams in the State's Premier League.

Greek giants Brisbane Olympic are drawn to play Mount Gravatt, consistently one of the State's top teams in recent years while the other semi-finals is between last year's losing finalists Ipswich United and 1981 winners Grange Thistle.

First division club Wynnum were the "minnows" who qualified for the final 16, but their marathon qualifying run came to an end when old stagers Valley Trident edged out the Baysiders 3-2 in a match twice deferred because of rain.

Valley Trident in turn were then bundled out by Thistle in their quarter-final four days later. The Blues were beaten 4-1 with John Russell (2), John Peterson and Ken Swan scoring for Thistle and Gerry Lindsay netting for Valleys.

But Ipswich had the most impressive quarter-final win when it beat Croatian club Sunnyside 4-0 at Richlands Stadium.

Ian Lawrie, Ron Millman, Billy Dann and Ken Gordon were the scorers but what was more significant was that it was United's second successive 4-0 result and brought their goal total in four matches to 14 and none against.

Brisbane Olympic are chasing a Cup-Premiership double and moved into the semi-finals thanks to a 3-1 win over Easts, the former Premier League leaders now slipping back down through the table.

But the victory was not as easy as the scoreline might suggest and Easts

ping back down through the table.

East's finished the match with 10 men after keeper Paul Drury was injured. Central defender Jeff Dolan went in between the sticks for the

could well have won the game had a Phil Thompson penalty a minute before half-time gone in. The scores were 1-1 when referee Alan Kibbler awarded the kick but the usually reliable Thompson put his attempt on to the crossbar.

Olympic moved into top gear in the second half and scored through Craig Low, who got Olympic's first, and Peter Tyson.

East's finished the match with 10 men after keeper Paul Drury was injured. Central defender Jeff Dolan went in between the sticks for the

final 10 minutes.

Mount Gravatt qualified for the semi-finals with a comfortable 2-0 win over Lions, with Gary Bohan and Steve McNally scoring, but they nearly didn't make it into the quarter-finals after a spirited fight from Brisbane City in the other deferred first round match.

The Hawks were taken to extra time by City before scraping through 2-1.

The Ampol Cup semi-finals are set for August 13 or 14 with the final on September 3 or 4. Total prizemoney this year is \$11,500 with the winner receiving \$4000.

WE WANT GARY, NOW!

BY STEVE BURNS

CANBERRA Arrows are trying desperately to conclude a transfer — or loan — arrangement for their Sydney-based former Socceroo, Gary Byrne.

The matter is urgent as only days remain to the cut off point for transfers — or loans.

Byrne, of course, is now the costliest player in the Arrows' squad having been the subject of a \$20,000 transfer deal with Marconi in 1981.

And the midfielder is a player of great ability.

However, ever since he came to Canberra his situation had been made unusually difficult because he has never been able to train regularly with the Arrows' squad because he still lives in Sydney.

That was brought about because Byrne did not want to leave IBM where

he has a well-paying position and no transfer without that organisation could be arranged to the national capital.

And in recent days — although transfer listed for many weeks — Byrne has been relegated to the Youth squad.

And he is not the only casualty in that respect — four others have joined him. Paul Ontong, Angelo Ambrosino, Marko Perinovic, and John Moutsopoulos.

This came about when Canberra's new coach Atti Abonyi reduced his NSL squad from 20 to 15 players.

That squad now comprises Hoszowski and

Hummel, Andrew Young, Jim Murray, Terry Byrne, Ian Stone, Duncan Cole, Steve Bryant, George Christopoulos, Don MacLaren, Ian Gibson, Frank Farina, Tony Brennan, John Walsh, Phil Redmond.

But as Abonyi was very quick to stress: "This 15 is not a permanent squad."



Gary Byrne

"It is totally flexible. If someone is not pulling their weight they go. It is as simple as that."

And back to Gary Byrne, Abonyi freely admitted no firm offers had been received.

"The player is too good to languish in the Youth League," said Abonyi.

"I want to do the right thing by Gary and the club."

"I hope he gets a go back in Sydney with one of the five NSL clubs."

STH. AUSTRALIA

The S.A. Rothmans State League First Division, is hotting up for the tremendous run home following shock results last week.

There are now three clubs on 16 points at the top of the table — Beograd, Azzurri and Croatia in that order, separated by only goal difference.

And Croatia could go further ahead on Saturday when they play bottom team Port Adelaide.

Of the trio, Croatia were the only ones to win last week, when they got the only goal of the match against Birkalla.

Beograd suffered a shock 1-2 loss at home against Polonia while Azzurri were held 1-1 at Para Hills.

The latter are fourth on 15 points with West Adelaide only a point behind them.

Azzurri has to take on Campbelltown in an Eastern Districts Italian derby this week end, while Beograd are at home to Wests.

The latter also figured in an upset when held to a 2-2 draw by Elizabeth, second-bottom and three points ahead of Port who shattered Campbelltown with a 2-2 draw at the latter's ground.



The Olympic Downer Team in Canberra. Top right is Joseph Prigor, the Rumanian 1st Division coach who is now the Director of Coaching in the Olympic Downer Club: Olympic, with their last week win over Croatia Deakin (2-1) are leading the State League in Canberra.

SHERMAN INSPIRED

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

CROATIA-GLENORCHY maintained its three point lead in Tasmania's Cadbury State League with a 2-1 over University.

Mark Oakes and Neil Thomas put Croatia 2-0

up before a late revival by University saw it go close to grabbing a point. O'Brien reduced the arrears with six minutes remaining and the students had several more chances to score when quick breaks caught out the Croatian defence.

The final pass broke down on each occasion, however and Croatia was able to keep its lead intact.

Olympia retained second place by defeating Juventus-Pioneer 1-0 through a Peter Sherman goal in the 62nd minute.

Both teams were missing key players and the whole affair was something of an anti-climax, considering the controversies and excitement of the past few weeks. Indeed, the loudest encouragement of the night came from a lone Greek trumpeter positioned behind the Juventus goal who continually rallied the Olympia strikers to

the charge.

As well as scoring the goal, direct from a free kick, Peter Sherman was undoubtedly the man of the match. He was in everything and his inspiring performance more than made up for the absence of Forster and Hey.

Rapid West Point added three more nails to White Eagles' coffin when youngster Mike Nikolai scored a hat-trick. Eagles even failed to score from an early penalty and it will take a miracle for the Polish side to escape relegation.

Metro, Claremont and Caledonians remain locked together in the table following a 1-1 draw. David Smith put Metro in front in the 77th minute and an Ian Parker header in the final minute made it all square.

DETAILS: Croatia-Glenorchy 2 University 1, Olympia 1 Juventus-Pioneer 0, Metro-Claremont 1 Caledonians 1, Rapid West Point 3 White Eagles 0.

TASMANIAN CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	14	10	2	2	36	19	22
Olympia	14	7	5	2	40	23	19
Juventus	13	8	1	4	26	14	17
Rapid	13	7	2	4	22	17	16
Caledonians	14	4	4	6	27	25	12
Metro	13	4	4	5	21	22	12
University	14	4	0	10	21	44	8
White Eagles	13	1	0	12	12	41	2



ONE OF Canberra Arrows' (then Canberra City's) most durable and popular players — defender Roy Stark — would be honoured by an end-of-season benefit game.

It would be the first benefit game afforded any Canberra player.

"If it is held it will have to be very late in the year for a number of reasons such as postponed games and Marconi's presence in the Cup competition," Canberra's administrator, Ms Grega said.

"But we want to pull it off if possible. We believe it would be a great attraction."

The idea is that the current Arrows' squad would play the benefit against a Stark All Stars Eleven made up mostly of players who have previously played with Canberra.

The list is full of talent. It includes Tony Henderson, Jim Cant, Walter Valeri, Sebastian Giampaolo, the three O'Sheas, Danny Moulis (if fit), John Stoddart, goalkeepers Richard Wilson and possibly even Ron Tilsed, Ian Purdie, Michael Milovanovic, Steven Hogg. And that is far from exhaustive.

Other names include Isaac Farrell, Harry Williams — and many others who are still saving (like Malcolm Haynes) or kicking balls around in State Leagues.

Stark would, of course, also make an appearance — even if for only part of the game.

A rugged defender or central defender or stopper, Stark was one of the hardest tacklers in the game, a player forced out of the game prematurely a season and a half ago.

— Steve Burns

FROM LEEDS UNITED TO TASMANIA

PETER SAVILLE, Launceston Juventus' 25-year-old midfielder, is undoubtedly one of the most experienced players in Tasmania. Between 1975 and 1980, he was an apprentice and then a full-time professional with the famous English side Leeds United.

Saville is the ideal mid-field player. He is as hard



as nails and rarely loses a tackle. He combines strength with superb vision and passing ability, rarely giving away the ball even in the tightest of situations.

While other stars have left Juventus, Saville has remained loyal to the club which is experiencing a relatively lean season considering the many triumphant seasons of the past.

Saville undersells his ability, and his honesty and unpretentiousness are refreshing, considering the heights he has reached in the game. He is a realist too.

"I was never going to be good enough to make it in England," he says. "I only played in the reserves with Leeds and I didn't want to mess about in the third, fourth or lower divisions. I decided to come out here to join Launceston Juventus and I liked Launceston so much I settled here. The lifestyle is a lot better and easier too. I'm married now and we have a couple of kids and I've got permanent residency."

Saville has the ability to play in better teams on the mainland but he has no ambitions in that direction at all. He is quite content to stay with Juventus. As he puts it: "I've had my day in Soccer. The only reason I play is that I've played all my life and I just want to have a game. Good luck to any young Tasmanian who can go over there and make it. As for me, Launceston Juventus have always done the right thing by me and I'll always do the right thing by them."

Modesty is one of Saville's characteristics too. A check of the record books reveals that he was capped for England as a youth international and actually played on a tour of Australia. Being the type of person he is, he wouldn't mention that unless one specifically asked him. Tasmanian Soccer could do with more players like Peter Saville.

— VAN DIEMEN

Q'LAND QANTAS CUP

QUEENSLAND'S Qantas Cup competition, for lower division sides, kicked off last week and once again it has attracted teams from all parts of the south-east corner of the State.

Sides from Noosa, Southport, Beaudesert and Beerwah Glasshouse are among the 42 which have nominated.

The Qantas Cup is contested by third division and lower sides, colts teams and reserve grade teams. The Cup winners this year will receive \$750 with \$350 for the runner-up, \$250 for third and \$150 for fourth.

This week's matches include clashes between Mitchelton division four and Fairfield Rovers division three, the Ipswich United colts are pitted against their club's premier reserves and Easts colts against old rivals Valley colts.

NSW "ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND ROBIN SEMI-FINALS R.3

U13		
Sydney Olympic v Nepean		2-1
Sutherland v St George		1-2
Illawarra v Auburn		5-2
U14		
Sydney Olympic v Nepean		1-2
Southern Dists v Manly		2-3
APIA v Canterbury		1-0
U15		
Sydney Olympic v Marconi		1-6
Polonia v Auburn		2-1
Illawarra v Granville		1-0
U16		
Sydney Olympic v Marconi		1-1
APIA v Manly		3-0
Southern Dists v St George		2-1

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U10	U11	U12
St George v Illawarra		5-1	0-1
Gl'ville-Hornsby v Central Coast		2-1	0-0
Bankstown v Southern & Eastern	3-0	2-0	1-2
Southern Dists v Canterbury		1-2	3-2
Nepean v Ku-ring-gai			2-1
Sutherland v Manly			1-0
Granville v Blacktown	8-1	4-1	8-0

(Our apologies for omission of U10, U11, U12 Metropolitan Championship results on a number of occasions. These were received from Mr W. Cullinan but missed publication due to shortage of space. We will make certain they go in in future.

AMATEUR CUP FINALS CUP

PUNCHBOWL OVAL — THIS SUN JULY 31

10.30am	U14 State Cup Final
12 noon	U16 State Cup Final
2pm	U18 State Cup Final
4pm	U21 Robertson Cup Final
6.30pm	NSW Amateur Cup Final

Don't miss these exciting fixtures!

REP COACHES REQUIRED

The Sutherland Shire Junior Soccer Association invites applications for the following coaching positions for the 1984 season:

Director of Coaching - (closes August 14)

Coaches for

- U/11 & U/12 Metropolitan Championships
- U/13 to U/16 Youth League
- U/15 & Senior Ladies Teams

Applications should be in writing stating qualifications and experience and be addressed to -

The Secretary,
S.S.J.S.F.A.,
P.O. Box 231,
MIRANDA NSW 2228

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THE EVERGREEN QUEST

SEEING the pictures of the 1983 Auburn under 14 and 15 Youth teams brought to mind how lucky these youngsters are to have someone of Len Quesed's ability coaching them.

He is one of the stalwarts of the game who qualifies for the title of "evergreen".

Apart from playing many tremendous matches for the Auburn club, Len played for Huddersfield Town and Fulham and was also an England B international.

I can assure to-day's youngsters that his skills on the wing were superb. To see him moving through the midfield with the ball was enough to put any opponent off his game.

I first saw him play about 1945 when he was with the

Royal Navy in Sydney. He played for the British Services team and for the HMS Golden Hind, a navy establishment in Sydney. This was a very colourful team, and their stars were Jack Aston, a Manchester United and England defender, and, of course, Len Quesed.

So, boys, apart from the photo above of Len in 1946 with your teams, here he is at second from the left in the front row in his playing days. Aston, a magnificent midfielder or defender, is second player from the left, standing. I can assure you that both were great players, with tremendous competitive spirits and a velvet touch in everything they did.



THREE LEGS!

Mark Hansbauer of Wide Bay races for goal shadowed by a Central Queensland player in a match in the State Under 13 titles held at Gladstone.

18-LOVE!

WARATAHS bounced back to the Mid State Soccer winning list by thrashing newcomers Mudgee Bushrangers 18-0. game.

Robbie Brown marked his return with an impressive personal tally of ten goals, Robbie Barrett scored four goals, Tony Marks two and Dave Shurley and Steven Hooper one each.

But the result was far from impressive at half time. Going into the break Waratahs only led

by 4 goals. To put the half time score in perspective the Mudgee side was virtually the same team beaten 18-1 earlier by Waratahs in second grade. Mudgee only brought across a small number of players for the two games.

An appropriate tongue lashing by Waratahs coach John Sinclair, plus their tiredness of the Bushrangers, saw a procession of goals in the second half.

While Waratahs were having a scoring spree Mudgee never really looked like putting the ball into the back of the net. However they did stick to their task throughout.

The win gives Waratahs a four point lead. Email moved into clear second spot by beating Bloomfield 2-0. Bloomfield slipped back to equal fourth with CYMS while South Wanderers jumped to third spot.

Waratahs are on 20 points, Email 16, South Wanderers 15, Bloomfield and CYMS 14.

The Bloomfield Email game was a typical hard encounter between the two clubs.

At half time the score was 0-0.

The score remained scoreless until 20 minutes into the second half when Bloomfield defender Alex Davey gave away a penalty.

After this Email goal the match became much more physical, with a series of fouls.

Email's second goal came from a well taken free kick which went across the Bloomfield back line to find Ray Harvie in the penalty area who put away a first time shot.

Towards the end of game Bloomfield centre half Chris Jacobs suffered a broken leg when hit by a late tackle after he had cleared the ball.

One of Email's better players was coach Garry Starr. Playing in the mid-field, he was able to keep his side together in their play.

Bloomfield sweeper Stuart MacFarlane played well for his side but unfortunately none of his team mates appeared willing to run off him.

In the Dubbo local derby South Wanderers beat East Dubbo 5-0 to continue their charge towards a semi spot.

At Parkes, two second half goals including a penalty gave CYMS a win over Parkes Leagues in what was a pretty even game.

■ Thanks for your note. The Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup contact is Mr Gareth Williams of Camden H.S., Tel 046 66 9191. The Turner Cup contact is Mr John Mosc vis c/- Epping B.H. J. Tel 848 9546 (pvt) they will provide any information needed re-zone competitions.

M. Ryan,
Engadine, NSW.

VIDEO REPLAY

THE Sutherland Junior Association and the licensed club have combined to video tape and replay the match of the day from the premier competition, the Admiral Cup.

The replays are shown each Sunday at 6.30 pm on the club premises and have been very popular with players, officials and friends.

One of the club's directors, Bruce Cox, said "This has been a boon to both Soccer and the club. The game is played in the afternoon and replayed in the evening. It seems to have increased the number of spectators at the match and there are still large numbers of people watching the replays."

The taping is professionally performed by Cronulla-Sutherland Video Service.

HELP!

Sir,

THE school that I attend is interested in entering a Soccer team in the NSW Secondary schools competition but do not know how to go about it.

We are not sure whether the competition is the Commonwealth Bank Cup, the Turner Cup or something else.

We would also like to know to whom we should apply and whether there is an official form to be completed.

Any information you can provide by way of an article in your weekly edition would be appreciated.

I would also like to see a regular feature by someone like Peter Stone, Johnny Doyle or Richard Alagich highlighting the main roles of the players of the various positions on the Soccer field.

M. Ryan,
Engadine, NSW.

AUBURN ADVANCE

AUBURN'S fighting spirit lives on in this U/13 side.

Originally based on the Chullora Wolves U/12 1982 squad (twice NSW Champions), this team has battled through incredible odds to fight back into 2nd position in Group 'A' and a chance at the Metropolitan title.

Whilst preparing for their 1st competition game three players withdrew from the squad at various stages, for different reasons (school pressures, poaching and lack of ambition). One boy returned to local club Soccer, another changed to school Rugby League and a third transferred to Sydney Olympic, thus leaving six out of the nine Chullora boys who moved to Auburn.

Secondly, early in the season the team lost a 4th player - Darren Gale - who had badly broken his leg and ankle in a school sport accident (Darren played right fullback in the Bankstown U/12 squad in 1982, who were NSW runners up), thus putting him out for the season.

New players had to be brought-in and the team had to virtually start from scratch while other teams were in full flight.

Whilst all this was going on the Auburn team took on the task of raising \$35,000 to attend a coaching clinic and tour of England.

This included duties such as selling raffle tickets door to door each Saturday, after their game from around 12.30pm till dark, also collecting cans, running competitions, social nights, bike-a-thons etc.

All this on top of their normal Soccer commitments!

But they never gave in, they worked hard and together as a good team should, with the end result of becoming a team of which Auburn club is very proud.

They started the competition with true determination which saw them record some good results, but their lack of team coordination did show up in some games until at one stage Auburn was some 6 or 7 points behind the two leaders, St George and Central Coast.

With a lot of hard training from the players and coach Robert Wozniak the team improved as only a gutsy and talented Auburn team can, to win the remaining 7 games (recorded a draw in the last game), and earn a crack at the "big names" in the Metropolitan finals.

This team has won praise not only from their own club members but also from other clubs who were impressed in their attitude to the game, of fair play, friendship and skilful Soccer which has developed through the dedication of the players and their coach.

Results, in order:- Granville 2-1; Melita 5-0; Canterbury 2-3; St George 0-0; Manly 2-1; Central Coast 1-0; Blacktown 0-2; St George 1-3; Melita 0-0; Granville 3-1; Canterbury 3-0; Manly 4-1; Central Coast 3-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 2-0; Ku-Ring-Gai 2-1; Blacktown 0-0.

—ROBERT WOZNAK



THE AUBURN U/14 team has performed quite well this season, considering that it is their first season together (note: Auburn didn't field an U/13 Squad in 1982).

At one stage they were running a close second but struck a bad patch which cost them a chance at the Metropolitan Championships. They

Left to right (Back row): John Hart (Manager); Gary Hunter; Martin Brala; Damien Benn; Neil Esho; David Busetto; Craig Brown; Robbie Orellana; Left to right (Front) Shane Cannane; Todd Hampson; Jim Adams (Captain); Eric Scicluna; Robert Lukic; Len Questad (Coach).

have recorded good wins over Granville, Melita, Central Coast, Blacktown, Ku-Ring-Gai and also a fine 2-2 draw against St George.

With the addition of a couple of new players and the experience of the past season this squad will be a force to reckon with in 1984.

BRISBANE HOSTS SCHOOLS TITLES

THE Australian Schools play the National Championship series in Brisbane from August 29 to September 2.

After last year's disastrous effort, the Queensland Schools Federation is to be highly commended for its effort this season.

Top administrator is Chapman Bonner, a man who has the record of being able to get things done.

He has a strong committee and despite the fact that there are only five entries, Chapman is determined to make it a success.

There are four State sides, Queensland, A.C.T., Tasmania, Western Australia plus the NSW CHS side in the

tournament.

Chapman Bonner would be happy to have Northern NSW enter, but the NSW CHS side would

BY BILL TURNER

be withdrawn if they did. Northern NSW won the title twice and were runners up twice in the years they were permitted to play.

With men like Bonner at the helm of school Soc-

cer in Australia it's a pity that all Soccer States could not be given the green light to enter the championships.

They have some top administrators in South Australia; Peter Dodd and Steve De Lelanu to name just two.

The Victorians do not enter these days and there appears no sign in the near future that they will.

It's a far cry from those days when Victoria with Jimmy Armstrong and Bobby McLachlan at the helm swept that State to prominence in Australian Schools Soccer.

It's good luck to Chapman Bonner and his committee come August.

YOUNG REFS TO FIJI



(Left to right): Paul Blackwood, Paul Gilbert and David Pievens.

GLADESVILLE-Hornsby Soccer Referees' Association has sent three cadet referees to Fiji this month to assist the Fiji Association and introduce cadet referees to the island.

The GHSRA President, Mr Jim Smith, said the approach had been made after the President of the Fiji Public Schools Association, Mr James Hari Pal, had seen cadet referees in Gladesville-Hornsby control games whilst on a private visit to Australia

last year.

He was so impressed that he contacted the GHSRA secretary and the visit was arranged.

GHSRA, which is officially sponsored by Fuji Film, is one of the oldest Soccer referees' associations in NSW.

It is hoped that the visit will not only enable Fiji to start cadet referees but will lead to exchange visits between the two bodies on a regular basis.

As well as receiving assistance from Fuji Film, the referees and officials will also be supported on this occasion by Attack Sportswear, who are providing jackets.

Gladesville-Hornsby Soccer Referees' Association and Dunlop Sportswear also provided assistance.

LONG-TERM COACHING PROGRAM

Instituted by Ku-Ring-Gai

The long-term coaching program was developed by the Ku-Ring-Gai and District Soccer Coaches Association and approved in principle by the Management Committee of the Association. The programme has been in operation for one season. Implementation of the 1983 phase has been approved and is now under way.

The programme is designed to develop talented young players in the Under 10 to Under 13 age groups and will take a further two seasons before it is fully implemented. A review by the District Coaching Technical Committee and Management Committee will be undertaken prior to the implementation of each yearly phase of the programme.

K.D.S.A. will phase out entry of teams in the Metropolitan Championships (age groups from Under 12 down) and enter only district teams in the N.S.W. Youth League (Under 13 to Under 16 inclusive).

A timetable for the next two seasons is shown below:

Age Group	1983	1984
U/10	Potential Circuit & 1 v 1 (Feature 2)	Potential Circuit & 1 v 1
U/12	30-40 Players Skills Coaching (Feature 2)	30-40 Players Skills Coaching
U/12	(i) 20-25 Players Skills Coaching (ii) Team in Metropolitan Championship	2 Teams entered in K.D.S.A. Club U/13 Competition (Feature 3)
U/13	Team in N.S.W. Youth League	Team in N.S.W. Youth League

Key features number 1-3 are discussed below

1. UNDER 10

In the middle of the Under 10 season, immediately prior to the start of the competition round, the Football Potential Circuit will be conducted for all Under 10 players. One or two Saturdays will be set aside for this purpose with the circuit being held in lieu of games. The top 60 boys in the circuit will be invited to participate in a 1 v 1 competition to be conducted under lights towards the end of the season. An appropriate prize will be awarded to the winner.

2. UNDER 11

The 30-40 boys will participate in the K.D.S.A. Soccer Skills Programme by attending a weekly coaching session under the direction of the district coaches. The players will be coached in basic skills in groups of 10, each under a qualified coach for part of each session. In addition, 1 v 1 and small-sided game competitions will be conducted over a period of several weeks.

THE AIMS OF THIS PROGRAMME ARE:

- To give the selected boys the best possible coaching;
- To help them develop their techniques and skills in enjoyable and competitive situations;
- To allow several coaches to assess the potential of each boy;
- To gauge how well the individual players respond to coaching and determine how well motivated they are;
- To enable the best players to be selected for the Under 12 programme.

3. UNDER 12

It is proposed that two Under 12 teams of selected boys play in the K.D.S.A. Under 13, Division 1, club competition. At the end of the Under 12 season a preliminary squad for the next season's Under 13 representative team would be selected. The purpose of this part of the programme would be to allow talented players to develop their individual and team skills away from the pressure of representative Soccer and to ensure that the best boys are selected to play in the Under 13 Youth League team. It is important to realise that in 1984 the Under 13 club competition will have benefited and been strengthened by the inclusion of some 15 or more players who have participated in the K.D.S.A. Soccer Skills Programme in their Under 11 and Under 12 years.

TURNER CUP U15

PLUMPTON HS 0, 6p, St Dominic's Penrith 0, 5p. Concord HS 2, Epping BHS 0, played Tuesday, July 19, at Marconi Stadium.

Tues, July 26 at Marconi Stadium, Birrong BHS v J.J. Cahill H.S. 6pm. Plumpton HS v Concord HS 7.15pm.

Sydney Final. Tues, August 9 at Marconi

Stadium. Winner (Birrong v J.J. Cahill) v winner (Plumpton v Concord) 7pm.

All four teams — Birrong, J.J. Cahill, Plumpton and Concord also join in the last 16 of the State-wide Turner Cup.

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SOOPER-DOOPER KELLYVILLE KIDS!

KELLYVILLE Under 7 Red Soccer team have become the first team in the Super Skills Awards.

Under the guidance of Kellyville's Director of Coaching, Keith Healey, assisted by team coach Gary Barnes and Manager Bob Cockerill, the players were encouraged to reach the standard required to obtain the Mini Award.

All 11 players in the squad were successful.

Mr Yaan Wells, Manager of McDonalds Castle Hill, was pleased to accept an invitation to present the young players with their badges, certificates and gift vouchers. The presentation was made at Kellyville Park.

"I introduced the McDonald Super Skills to coaches in the club shortly after my appointment as Director of Coaching," said Keith Healey.

"A number of coaches have introduced the skills into their coaching ses-

sions and I expect further awards to be made to players in other age groups before the end of the season.

"The scheme has created a lot of interest amongst young players and I am working towards the skills forming part of

the clubs coaching policy to be implemented at the start of the 1984 season."

The successful players in the U7 Red team are Darren McCarthy, Rowan Healey, Michael Timbrell, Gerard Barnes, Luke Cockerill, Robert Mezzonis, Greg Tebbut, Chad Kitt, Russel Byrne, Dean White and Aaron McLaughlin.

GOOD ON YOU GRAHAM!

GRAHAM Gebbels is one of the keen Soccer personalities who is putting the game on the map in Albury-Wodonga, reports Frank Finlay.

Born in Egypt 33 years ago, he emigrated to Australia from England back

in 1972. After spending several years in Sydney he came

to Albury in 1977, playing for Albury Hotspurs and the Border Soccer Club and coaching under 16s.

Graham started on the bottom rung of the ladder when he joined Hotspurs in 1978. He worked in the canteen and also played in the club's senior side.

A year later he was appointed vice-president and for the last four years he has been the club president.

Graham's views on football are to play according to the rules. As a coach he teaches his players that enjoying the game is even better than winning.

He is strict in training, but he gives them a fair amount of freedom when they take the field.

In 1982 his under 16 side reached the final of the NSW Champion of



Graham Gebbels

Champions only to be beaten by two goals by St Marys.

This is a remarkable achievement for a country team and it brought a great deal of pleasure in spite of the loss.

His view of referees: "You take them as you find them and respect them."

On coaching: "I am pleased to see that senior and reserve team players have started to take an interest in junior coaching."

"It is better to have them on the job than parents who have no qualifications. This does not mean, of course, that the interest and willingness of the parents to coach is not fully appreciated."

Graham is looking to a couple more years as a player, he wants to continue as a coach, and he might continue to wear an administrator's hat as well.

In business he is a computer expert. His wife Kath is interested as far as watching her two sons playing the game.

And whilst these activities go on he retains his interest in the results of the Burnley FC back in England.



BOWER SWAG!

CESSNOCK High School sports master Kel Plumb has wraps on his star striker for the Bill Turner Cup team.

He is Rodney Bower, a lad who has scored a swag of goals on each outing.

"At last Cessnock has another Jack Drinkwater," an elated Kel Plumb said "and boy do we need him."

Jack Drinkwater was a tough, no quarter asked and no quarter given centre forward in the fifties and early sixties.

Although White Eagles is firmly planted at the foot of Tasmania's Cadbury State League and looks likely to be relegated, the club has a host of youngsters coming through the ranks. Four of these, all from the same family, are pictured with the club's former coach, Eugene Mycak (left). They are, from left, Chris (21), Mark (19), Andrew (18) and Richard Leszczynski (16). (Photo by Walter Pless).

His blockbusting shots and/or shoulder charges often had the ball, full-backs or goalkeepers in the back of the net.



The Canterbury Marickville Olympic U/13 junior team with their coach, Bill Grecor (top left) and their manager John Koutrodimos (right).

'FAVOURITE PLAYER WINNER

THIS week's winner is A. Orlando, a fan of Rene Licata, Marconi's hard-running forward. He will receive his sports bag by calling in with his letter to one of three THE SPORTS CENTRE stores at Bankstown, Carlingford or Parramatta. Here is what this youngster had to say.

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All my favourite players come from the Marconi first grade but my Soccer Star is Rene Licata. He is my Soccer Star because when he played for the Youth Championships in Mexico earlier this year he proved to himself and to all of us, that when he plays, he tries his best to improve his teams standard.

A. Orlando
Ashfield, 2131.

From another keen youngster:

My favourite player is in Croatia Sydney is Steve Watson. His number is 1, the goalkeeper. He has a lot of skills and saves a lot of goals against other teams.

John Galic,
Burwood, 2134.



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RAY WILKINS IS



ARSENAL TARGET

WHEN Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson made enquiries about signing Arsenal goalscorer Alan Sunderland, Arsenal manager Terry Neill asked: "What about letting us have Ray Wilkins?"

Neill wanted to do business on a part-exchange basis.

Arsenal fancied Wilkins in exchange for Sunderland plus \$250,000. United didn't think they were getting a good bargain.

Neill is now on holiday in the West Indies but he

could be tempted to increase his offer to United when he returns.

United need cover for Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside. If they don't get Sunderland, they might make a move for Garth Crooks (Spurs) or Mike Robertson (Brighton).

ARTIFICIAL TURF LUTON BARRIER

LUTON Town's planned move to Milton Keynes has been rejected by the clubs in the Football League.

They were worried about Luton joining QPR as the second club in the League with an artificial turf pitch. Luton have to leave their present headquarters at Kenilworth Road within two years to allow road works to go through the area.

A club spokesman said the League's rejection of the move to Milton Keynes is "a serious setback."

DESPERATE DERBY DISTRESS

DERBY County's fines and other punishments — a hangover from crowd disturbances at the Baseball Ground last season, will cost the club at least \$200,000.

Derby are already \$1,500,000 in the red and this latest slug could almost knock them out of business.

John Kirkland, Derby vice-chairman, said: You cannot legislate for lunatics wanting to wreck the ground. No security is 100 per cent effective. We must protect fans from each other so Derby becomes a safer place for football."

DAVE Sexton, a former Manchester United and Coventry manager has been appointed assistant to Bobby Robson with the English international squad — on a full-time contract. Sexton was in Australia recently with the touring England team.

WATFORD BID FOR DIXON

IPSWICH TOWN, Chelsea and Leeds United are all keen to buy Reading forward Kerry Dixon.

Reading rate the player in the \$350,000 bracket.

But the bidders could be outbid by Watford who see Dixon as a replacement for Luther Blissett. And Watford have \$1,700,000 of Milan's money in the bank.

NEW manager Bobby Gould is facing a huge task as he tries to rebuild the team following several notable departures.

One of his first signings will be Irish international Gerry Daly who is tipped to sign a two-year contract this week.

WEE George Armstrong, a consistent winger with Arsenal for many years, has joined Middlesbrough as assistant manager to Malcolm Allison.

UK SOCCER SCENE

THE BOSS TAKES OVER, AS BOSS!

TEAM Manager Terry Venables is the new owner of Queens Park Rangers!

Retiring QPR chairman Jim Gregory has accepted an offer to buy the club of nearly \$2,000,000 from a syndicate headed by Venables.

Gregory will still be the owner of the Loftus Road ground in Shepherd's Bush where the team plays. He has agreed that Soccer will take precedence over any other activity that may be staged at the multi-purpose ground.

This strange deal means that Terry Venables, who is still team manager, has the power to sack himself if the team does badly! And that must be a unique situation.

Venables was a very good midfielder player with Chelsea, QPR and Spurs and has also been a successful manager. Few people realise that he holds a record which can



Terry Venables

never be equalled in British football.

Venables is the only man who has represented England at every possible level from schoolboy to full international.



Peter Bonetti

BONETTI

BOUNCES

BACK

FORMER Chelsea and England goalkeeper Peter Bonetti has given up his hotel on the remote Scottish island of Mull and settled in London again.

At 41, Bonetti is full of enthusiasm for goal-keeping coaching. He will open a goalkeeping school at East Molesey in Surrey and will also look after the goalies at his old club, Chelsea.

WOLVES WANT GRIMES

WOLVES plan a double swoop on the transfer market to reinforce their team just promoted to the first division.

Top target is Manchester United's Ashley Grimes — a most consistent midfielder.

Wolves also hope to buy winger Tony Towner from Rotherham United.

RICKY HILL of Luton Town, one of England's most promising midfielders, is back in training after an operation on his knee.

NO ASSISTANT FOR CLOUGH?

THE assistant manager's office at the Nottingham Forest ground is empty — as it has been since Peter Taylor walked out as Brian Clough's assistant last November.

Taylor upset Clough, his old mate, by accepting the job of manager at nearby Derby County.

Clough was even more upset when the Forest committee decided they couldn't afford to replace Taylor.

Most top clubs are run by a two-man brains trust but, with the economic recession still biting, some now think that one boss is enough.

HAY FROM PUB TO CLUB

CELTIC'S new manager to replace Billy McNeill is former international David Hay, who used to be a great Celtic hero in his playing days.

Nine years ago, Hay left Celtic to try his luck in England but an eye injury hampered his career with Chelsea. He later moved to Florida and back to Scotland with Motherwell.

Recently, Hays has been running a public house.

GOALS DON'T COUNT

PORTSMOUTH have decided to get rid of Billy Rafferty, scorer of 16 goals in their promotion-winning side.

When Rafferty rejected a new one-year contract, Portsmouth decided to release him.

The arrival at Fratton Park of \$270,000 Mark Hateley from Coventry probably convinced Portsmouth they can get by without Rafferty.

COVENTRY City centre-half Paul Dyson is lined up for a move to Stoke City.

The player has agreed terms and a suitable transfer fee is now being worked out.

THE price paid by television to screen English Soccer for the next two years was \$8,500,000. And the ban on shirt advertising has been lifted by the TV companies.

BALL IS BACK, AGAIN!

ALAN Ball is making yet another comeback. The former star midfielder who hit his peak in the 1966 World Cup with England, has signed for Portsmouth.

Although Ball will be available to play if required, his main task will be to look after the Pompey Youth squad.

Portsmouth manager Bobby Campbell knows all about Ball. "I was coaching at Arsenal when he played there and I know Alan still has a lot to offer football," said Campbell.

Ball is 38 and still fit enough to play for 90 minutes.



Alan Ball in his Southampton jersey. Now he's back on the south coast with Portsmouth.